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BRITISH SCHEME.

FOR RECOGNITION OF CANTON.

U. S. POLICY OUTLINED.

London, Dec. 7.
Parliament's interest in the situation in China was further evidenced to-day by a meeting of Members of the House of Commons and Members of the House of Lords, in the Commons, under the presidency of Com. Hilton Young, at which Mr. E. M. Gull, late Secretary of the British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, and who has recently returned home from China, made a statement on the position.

RECOGNITION TERMS.

After Mr. Gull's speech, Mr. L. N. Leefe (formerly of Hongkong), on behalf of the China Committee, suggested that the British Government should adopt the suggestion that the British diplomatic representative in China inform the Cantonese Government, that directly it restores peace and good order in the territory it governs and terminates all boycotts and strikes against foreigners it will be recognised by the Powers, and that Peking and Canton should be informed simultaneously that the existing Treaties will be revised when responsible Governments are established in the north and south, but that until the Treaties are revised both Governments will be required to recognise existing Treaties. Further, that tariff autonomy will be extended to North and South China as from January 1st, 1928 or 1929 or some convenient date, and that both Governments should in the interval take the necessary steps to abolish internal taxation. Lastly, if both Governments desire, the Powers will be prepared forthwith to cancel the sanctuary now extended to Chinese subjects in foreign Concessions and Settlements.—*Reuter.*

"WAIT AND SEE."

Washington, Dec. 7.
The critical situation in China is being most closely watched. The official view is that any sort of armed intervention by the United States is out of the question. The State Department's attitude is "wait and see."

CAREFUL NEUTRALITY.

President Coolidge in his annual message to Congress, referring to the Peking Tariff Conference, says:—"We are prepared to resume negotiations whenever a Government representing the Chinese people and acting on their behalf presents itself. The fact that constant warfare between contending Chinese factions has rendered it impossible to bring these negotiations to a successful conclusion is a matter of deep regret. Throughout the conflicts we have maintained a position of most careful neutrality, and our naval vessels in Asiatic waters pursuant to Treaty rights have been used only to protect American citizens."

President Coolidge stated that the report of the Extra-territoriality Commission was being studied with a view to determining United States' policy in the future.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SOUTH AFRICA EARTHQUAKE.

SEVERAL PEOPLE KILLED.

Johannesburg, Dec. 7.
A series of violent earth tremors shook the Rand this morning and residents were greatly alarmed. One European and three natives were killed. Seven natives were seriously injured in two severe rock bursts in the Wolfontein Gold Mine.—*Reuter.*

MORE CANTON LABOUR FEUDS.

STREET FIGHTING STILL CONTINUES.

PISTOLS IN USE.

Three instances of serious labour feuds have occurred within the past few days in Canton, to say nothing of many other petty street fightings, all caused either by conflicts of rival interests between two Unions of the same profession or by Union men entering bitter feelings towards those who are alleged to be the "tools of capitalists."

On Monday, a serious fight took place in Chieng Yuen Street between two rival Unions of rattan workers. These Unions have been trying to win over a number of members from each other, and when their leaders came into contact a fight ensued, some even drawing out pistols and firing at each other. There were many casualties as a result.

Another feud occurred between members of the Chinese Shoe Makers' Union and the Foreign Shoe Makers' Union. It appears that some of the shoe makers turn out semi-foreign shoes, and the Chinese Shoe-Makers' Union seek to enlist them; as members while the other Union objects. Street fighting is therefore quite common.

In another case, an employee siding with his employers in a dispute struck to death a member of the Silk Weaving Union and the trouble arising from this incident is now assuming a serious aspect. Pickets of the Union, carrying sticks, ropes and various weapons, are closely guarding the premises of many silk firms and more conflicts are expected.

FOR PIRACY?

BIG HAUL OF ARMS.

A very large consignment of small arms was seized by the Water Police on a local junk last evening, and the possibility is being explored of this being intended for piratical operations. The precise number of the arms has not been ascertained, as a proper count has yet to be made.

Meanwhile, it is understood that five Chinese, members of the junk in question, are being held in custody.

Later.

It is learned that the police raid was carried out whilst the junk was in Saiwan Bay. Nine men were arrested, these being the crew and a number of passengers. Eighteen Mausers and 21,000 rounds of corresponding ammunition comprised the extent of the haul. The junk was bound for Chichow (Swatow).

OPIUM SEIZURE.

TO-DAY'S COURT SEQUEL.

Mr. Horace Lo, of Messrs. Lo and Lo, made his first appearance this morning in a local Court after his admission as a solicitor. He represented the owners or agents of the steamer Po Sang who were prosecuted by the Revenue Department for allowing their vessel to be used for the conveyance of opium.

The case arose from a recent seizure in the engine room of the steamer of a large quantity of French opium.

Mr. Horace Lo made an application when the case came up before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning for an adjournment pending the return of the Po Sang.

The case was provisionally remanded for a week.

STEAMER COLLISION.

OIL TANKER BADLY HOLED.

Gibraltar, Dec. 7.
The oil tanker Texas, from Port Arthur to Genoa has been in collision and is badly holed on the port side. She is making water but has arrived safely in port.—*Reuter.*

"FAIR PLAY."

MR. LAMPSON'S SPEECH IN SHANGHAI.

"IMPERIALISM" DENIED.

Mr. Miles Lampson, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., the new British Minister to China, made his first speech since his arrival in the East at a dinner held at the Union Club of China at Shanghai last Friday. Mr. Calder Marshall presided, and there was a large attendance of British, American and Chinese members and friends.

NEED FOR CO-OPERATION.

It was after cordial welcomes had been extended by British, American and Chinese speakers that Mr. Lampson spoke. He said that he was more grateful than he could say for the warmth of the welcome and the many flowery words of appreciation which he did not deserve. "I only wish," he continued, "that I had the eloquence of the previous speakers to express my feelings more fully, and more adequately. There is a great deal to do and a difficult task before us but, with the goodwill and the support of the three great nationalities represented in this Union Club, and the good wishes of my Chinese friends, the task will be much easier. If ever there is a time for co-operation, at present it is essential. I am extraordinarily gratified by the large number of friends who have taken the trouble to gather together to welcome me to-day."

FAIR PLAY TO CHINA.

"You may want me to say something," said Mr. Lampson, "on politics. That is a very delicate ground and it is quite easy for me to mislead you and tie my own hands. I don't want to put my foot in it, so to say, and will not be drawn into that arena."

"If, at any time and in any way, I can do anything to help China and the Chinese people in my humble way in the present critical moment, I will do so. I have come out from home with an open mind. We all want to see fair-play to the Chinese as to the foreigners in this country and I will work on these lines. It is an ideal—fair-play to the nth degree."

THE MOONSHINE OF "IMPERIALISM."

"There is a great deal of talk nowadays about 'Imperialism' but that is all moonshine. We have no territorial or political ambitions in China. We only want to face facts and get along with our business. To sum up, the aim of all foreigners in China is to see a united and progressive China where foreigners can live and do business in peace and safety. (Heard! Heard!)"

"I retain pleasant recollections," concluded Mr. Lampson, "of my four years in China and have a great admiration for the Chinese people. I will do anything to help China if there is any way for me to do so." (Continued applause.)

INTERWOVEN INTERESTS.

Mr. Calder Marshall, in extending a hearty welcome to the new Minister, said:—"Mr. Lampson is not new to the Orient, he having held appointments in Japan and Siberia, as well as in China. It seems to me a happy augury that, so soon after his arrival in China, he should be tiffing with the members of the Union Club. All our interests are closely interwoven, and whether we be American, Chinese or British, we all look forward to and desire that unity without which there can be no true and lasting progress. (Heard! Heard!) The ideal of our club is to assist in setting in motion a force—a force of mutual trust and confidence which can bring about conditions favourable to all. We wish much success to Mr. Lampson in the high office to which he has been appointed, and express the hope that, during his tenure of that office, we may often have the opportunity of seeing him in Shanghai." (Continued On Page 12.)

KUOMINTANG GRANTS PENSION.

TO WIDOW OF DR. SUN'S BROTHER.

HOW FORTUNE WAS SPENT.

A report from Canton states that the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang has approved of a proposal for the granting of a monthly pension to the widow of the late Mr. Sun Mei, the elder brother of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

The report says that the late Mr. Sun Mei acquired a considerable fortune whilst residing in the Sandwich Islands and that he spent the whole of it in assisting the revolutionary cause in China. He died some few years ago in Macao, having left nothing to his family, the members of which are

A HANKOW FIASCO.

Anti-British Move Fails.

Hankow, Dec. 7.
The situation generally is more tranquil. Following the withdrawal of the naval guards yesterday, the Volunteers were withdrawn this morning.

Yesterday's meeting to establish the Society to Overthrow the British proved an utter fiasco, owing to most intense opposition by the Chambers of Commerce and other responsible Chinese.

Representatives of the Political Bureau, the Unions and the workers of the British Cigarette Company, which has closed down its factories owing to recent labour troubles, are forming a committee to discuss the question of the maintenance of these workers. It is stated that the Political Bureau is contributing \$5,000, while the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, a rival concern, is contributing \$2,000 and proposes to employ the B. C. C. strikers.—*Reuter.*

said to have been reduced to relative paucity.

Mr. Mei's widow is over seventy years of age, and the Kuomintang thinks it only right and proper that in her old age she should be granted a pension from Party funds.

LADY WRITER MISSING.

FRUITLESS SEARCH ON SURREY DOWNS.

Rugby, Dec. 7.
A search is being made for Mrs. Agatha Christie, the well-known writer of detective stories, who has been missing since Friday evening. Mrs. Christie left her home at Sunningdale, in Berkshire, in her motorcar and was last seen in it the same evening at Newlands Corner on the Surrey Downs. Next morning, the car was found abandoned at the same spot.

Mrs. Christie recently had a nervous breakdown. The Downs have been thoroughly scoured and to-day an aeroplane assisted by flying low over the wooded country. When night fell, the search was still fruitless.—*British Wireless.*

BALKAN DIFFERENCES.

ITALIAN "INTERFERENCE" RESENTED.

Belgrade, Dec. 7.
The Yugo-Slavian Cabinet has resigned in order to draw attention to its protest to Europe against the recently concluded Italo-Albanian Pact, which provides for the maintenance of the Albanian status quo and undertakes to submit unsettled questions to arbitration.

The Pact is attacked on the ground that it was signed behind Yugo-Slavia's back and is disloyal to all the Balkan States, especially to Yugo-Slavia. Italian interference in Balkan affairs is resented.—*Reuter.*

TOURISTS HERE.

300 ARRIVE ON THE "CARINTHIA."

TO STAY THREE DAYS.

Forty-five days after leaving New York, the giant Cunard liner Carinthia sailed into Hongkong Harbour this morning in the course of her second trip round the world. She is the first of the new season's tourist ships, and she went alongside the wharf at Kowloon.

On board are nearly three hundred passengers, including many names representative of American business and social life, and an unusual feature of the voyage is the fact that the lady passengers outnumber the men.

HAVANA HURRICANE.

Two or three days out of New York, the Carinthia ran into the tail-end of the hurricane which wreaked such terrible havoc in Havana. The liner was forced to lie at anchor for ten hours, but apart from this incident, everything has worked out according to schedule and made for an extremely pleasant trip. The vessel called at Cuba, Panama, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Yokohama, Tokyo and Tsingtao, before coming to Hongkong. At the last-named place the passengers took train for Peking where four days of sight-seeing was spent.

It was intended to organise trips to Canton, but, except for a few independent parties, this visit has now been excluded from the itinerary. Manila is the next port of call, and afterwards the Carinthia will visit the Antipodes, returning to the normal cruise route, via Java and Batavia.

PROMINENT PASSENGERS.

Passengers were not long in making their way to the island after the vessel had berthed, and the silk stores, jade and ivory shops were soon busy. Amongst those on board are Mr. Charles H. Thorne, who was formerly President of the Montgomery Ward Company of Chicago, who is accompanied by his wife; Mr. Henry Witter, a recent graduate of Princeton University, a well-known sportsman, and popular in American college circles; Mrs. Daniel A. Hill, of St. Louis, accompanied by her two daughters, Miss K. O. Hill, and Miss M. E. Hill, and son, Mr. F. K. Hill; Mr. Edward H. Inbusch, prominent banker of Milwaukee, Wis., accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss L. B. Inbusch; Mr. Goelet Gallatin, of New York and Wyoming, well-known rancher, accompanied by his family; Mrs. Minnie Olds Fay, accompanying a party of women world's tourists, and who is well-known in most prominent world ports; Miss Ethel W. Donaghy, New York's leading lady lawyer, taking her vacation in company with Mr. T. Weldon Donaghy and Mrs. E. Weldon Donaghy; Mr. and Mrs. John Glenn, of Philadelphia, Mr. Glenn being head of a large chain of tea stores; Mr. J. H. Clarkson, one of the most prominent of Los Angeles realtors, accompanied by Mrs. Clarkson; and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Kellogg. Mrs. Kellogg is connected with the Howard-Scripps newspaper organisations.

IN HONGKONG.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Tourist Bureau has in hand the arrangements for the entertainment of the Carinthians during their three days' stay here. Parties will visit the Peak, the New Territories, and Repulse Bay at different times. Tea dances have been arranged to take place at Repulse Bay this evening and to-morrow evening, and on the whole the visitors will be given every opportunity of enjoying to the full the best the Colony possesses in the way of scenic beauty, and entertainment.

The Carinthia is commanded by Capt. R. V. Peel, R. D., R.N.R., Mr. G. R. Dolphin, R.D., R.N.R., is staff captain, Mr. W. Duncan. (Continued On Page 12.)

CANTON OFFICIALS AT NANCHANG.

OTHERS LEAVE SOUTH FOR WUCHANG.

POPULAR SEND-OFF.

The Canton Information Bureau reports the arrival of the members of the Nationalist Government at Nanchang, where they were met by the Commander-in-Chief, General Chang Kai-shek. They will proceed to Kiu-kiang with other high Nationalist Party officials and later will go on to Wuchang, where a general meeting will be held.

The Bureau also reports that the first contingent of Government and Party leaders left Canton yesterday morning. They are travelling overland to Wuchang. Their departure was the occasion for a popular demonstration.

From another source it is reported that arrangements for establishing the Nationalist Government in Wuchang necessitate members of the Government staff hurrying up first, but the Government departmental chiefs and other Committee members will delay their departure until due preparations have been made. General Tung Yen-kai, owing to important business in Canton, is delaying his journey for one or two days. It is said that General Wu Teh-chen, who has just been released from confinement at the Boca Tigris forts, is also to proceed to Wuchang.

A communique announces that the Commander-in-Chief has ordered the Artillery Department of the Central Military College at Whampoa to be transferred to Wuchang, where there are more facilities for training the Cadets in this branch of warfare.

COLD SNAP.

DROP OF TWENTY DEGREES.

Hongkong this morning had its first touch of winter, the Royal Observatory's forecast of yesterday that the weather would become cooler materialising in a drop of over 20 degrees.

Yesterday afternoon at two o'clock the temperature was 74, whilst this morning at six o'clock the Observatory returns show that it had fallen to 53. On the Peak, a temperature of 46 degrees was recorded.

It is interesting to note that the temperature at Shanghai at six this morning was 21 or 11 degrees of frost; whilst at Vladivostok it was eight degrees below zero—or 40 degrees of frost, or, to be more comparative, 61 degrees colder than Hongkong!

To-day's Observatory report says that strong monsoon may be expected along the coast. The local forecast up till noon to-morrow is:—"North-east winds, strong, fine."

FOOD PROFITEER.

FINED FOR SHORT WEIGHT.

Summoned for dealing out short weight to a customer, the manager of a rice retail shop at Hau Wo Lane was to-day at the Police Court mulcted in a fine of \$50, which he was given a period of twenty-four hours to pay.

The Inspector of Weights and Measures (Sub-Inspector Ellis) produced three trowels used in the measuring of the amount of rice retailed to a customer and said they were several catties short of the standard weight. The police took a serious view of the case, in view of the nature of the commodity dealt in.

FREEDOM OF COAL.

EXPORT RESTRICTIONS REMOVED.

London, Dec. 7.
In the House of Commons, the Minister of Mines stated that permits were no longer required for the exportation of coal, except for anthracite and coke, which depended on the state of the stocks in the country.—*Reuter.*

FORGED ORDER.

BRUNNER-MOND CLAIM FAILS.

IRON PIPING ORDER.

During the hearing of a claim before Mr. Justice Wood, in the Summary Court this morning, it was agreed by both sides that a delivery order had been forged. This came out when Messrs. Brunner, Mond and Co., Ltd., of 12, Pedder Street, claimed from Messrs. Cheung Wo, of 133, Des Voeux Road, the sum of \$37.81, being balance of the price of goods sold and delivered in the month of June, and \$35.77 for goods sold and delivered in May. Mr. H. J. Armstrong was for the plaintiff and Mr. L. D. Turner for the defendant.

IRON PIPING.

Mr. Armstrong said the defendants had paid \$35.77 into Court and the dispute now concerned the other sum. The defendants, he said, on June 14th, ordered 100 lengths of three-quarter-inch galvanised iron piping, and fifty lengths of one-inch piping from the plaintiffs' travelling salesman. The usual procedure was for the plaintiffs' office to ring up the godown and instruct the man in charge to measure out the number of lengths to be sold, and then the office would fix the price and make out delivery invoices.

This was done by the plaintiffs on June 14th, when the piping was ordered. The invoice and delivery order were made out by the plaintiffs at their head office, and were shortly afterwards handed to the defendants.

On June 22nd, the defendants attended at the godown of the plaintiffs at the Praya East, and presented a chopped delivery order for 100 lengths of three-quarter-inch piping, and lengths of one-inch piping. These were delivered by the godown-keeper, who obtained in exchange the chopped delivery order, on the back of which he endorsed particulars of the delivery which he had made.

THE DEFENCE.

Mr. Turner said there was no dispute, as to the fifty lengths of one-inch piping, as they had paid for that, but the real dispute was as to whether the defendants ordered and took delivery of 100 lengths or whether they in fact took delivery of only sixty-five. If his Lordship found that they took delivery of sixty-five only, then Mr. Armstrong's case would fail, by which he meant that they had paid for sixty-five.

Mr. Armstrong admitted that the defendants had made that payment. The keeper of the plaintiffs' godown gave evidence, and, in reply to Mr. Turner, said he had delivered goods on delivery orders without bearing the chop of Messrs. Brunner, Mond and Co. He could not remember who gave him authority to do so.

Witness was handed a delivery document, and Mr. Turner said both he and Mr. Armstrong had laid all their cards on the table, and it was agreed between them that there was a forgery there, including the signature, dates, and figures.

Replying to Mr. Turner, witness said there were sometimes mistakes on the orders. When that was so, he checked them up with his tally book, and if they corresponded he gave delivery. Witness contended that delivery was given on June 22nd, and not the 14th. Witness denied that he gave delivery of the goods on a delivery order without the chop of the plaintiffs. He also denied that it was two or three days afterwards that a man brought a chopped delivery order of the plaintiffs.

DISHONEST EMPLOYEE.

Mr. H. E. Westlake, of the plaintiff firm, speaking in the witness box with regard to the agreed forgery said they now had reason to



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CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

RECENT CHANGES
GAZETTED.

Mr. A. H. Lake, second officer, Kwangtung, has gone second officer, Team. Mr. R. K. Stott, second officer, Tenn, has been second officer, Kwangtung.

Captain A. J. White, of the Changsha, is on Home leave. Captain A. von Winkler, of the Chungking, has gone master, Changsha. Captain E. Manckman, from reserve, has gone master, Chungking.

Captain W. Lamson, from Home leave, has gone master, Soochow. Mr. J. W. Lamont, acting master, Soochow, has gone chief officer, same ship. Mr. E. M. Swan, chief officer, Soochow, is on reserve.

Mr. C. S. Murray, second engineer, Wenchow, is on reserve. Mr. C. L. Tilburn, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, Wenchow.

Mr. W. J. McCarthy, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Tanning. Mr. W. S. Smith, acting second engineer, Chihna, has gone acting second engineer, Kungchow.

Mr. G. Cornock, chief engineer, Sunning, is on reserve. Mr. R. S. Sinclair, from reserve, has gone acting chief engineer, Sunning.

Mr. J. G. Campbell, chief engineer, Kwangtung, is on reserve. Captain P. Rowell, from Home leave, has gone master, Pingwo.

Captain C. M. Cator, of the Pingwo, is on reserve. Captain G. E. Vaughan, of the Chakang, is on reserve. Captain A. Dockwray, of the Waihsing, has gone master Chakang.

Captain J. S. Masson, of the Yatsing, is on reserve. Captain C. A. Robertson, of the Kwongsang, has gone master, Yatsing.

Mr. L. M. McWilliams, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Kutwo. Mr. J. S. Black, chief engineer, Kutwo, is on reserve.

Mr. W. I. Donald has been appointed sup' third engineer, Lingshing. Mr. W. Crobie, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer, Luoho.

Mr. A. Livingston, chief engineer, Luoho, is on reserve. Mr. H. L. Lee, from reserve, has gone sup' third engineer, Loongwo.

Mr. J. A. Thom, sup' third engineer, Loongwo, has gone third engineer, Pingwo. Mr. A. McNab, third engineer, Pingwo, has gone acting second engineer, same ship.

Mr. McNab, second engineer, Pingwo, has gone acting chief engineer, same ship. Mr. J. S. Holmes, chief engineer, Pingwo, is on reserve.

Mr. A. A. Black, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Kechow. Mr. H. W. Smythe, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Sultai.

Mr. W. A. McLean, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Lok Sun. Mr. D. G. Will, second engineer, Lok Sun, is on reserve.

Mr. H. Edmondson, chief engineer, Haiching, is on reserve. Mr. E. J. McCombie, chief engineer, Haiching, has gone chief engineer, Haiching.

Mr. T. W. Spence, has been appointed chief officer, Lok Sun. Mr. W. Lee, second officer, Apoy, has gone chief officer, Telemachus.

Mr. C. Boyce, chief officer, Telemachus, is on reserve. Mr. H. Kennedy, chief officer, Siestan, is on Home leave.

Mr. A. C. Tait, third officer, Gorgistan, has gone second officer, same ship. Mr. W. Peritt, second officer, Haiching, has gone chief officer, Hydrangea.

Mr. R. Perry, third officer, Haiching, has gone second officer, same ship. Mr. T. A. Nicholas, chief officer, Hydrangea, has gone chief officer, Berwent.

Mr. E. F. Smith, chief officer, Berwent, is on reserve. Mr. J. T. Copeland, second officer, Derwent, is on reserve.—Shipping and Engineering.

THE CHINA PROBLEM.

LONDON PRESS COMMENT.

London, Dec. 7.

The *Westminster Gazette*, in a leader commenting on Mr. Lloyd George's speech, says that the allegations that a party exists in Britain which is soundly in the tocsin of war is handy material for the Russian propagandists who are trying to convince the Chinese that Britain is their enemy.

Until the Government does something which can fairly be interpreted as aggressive it is highly desirable to avoid language imputing such an intention to it. Public opinion in Britain is solid against Chinese adventures of any sort. "We hope Mr. Miles Lampson will be given a free hand and widest discretion."

The *Daily Telegraph* soundly rates Mr. Lloyd George, and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and declares that recognition of the Cantonese Government by Britain would give the crowning touch of folly and confusion to the diplomatic record of the treaty Powers for the past few years. The paper concludes saying, let these critics recognise the plain facts and admit that circumstances have presented the Communist masters of Russia with a vast opportunity for mischief of which they have taken the fullest advantage and for the consequences of which the Powers must needs be prepared.

The *Times* Views. Naturally, says the *Times*, commenting on Mr. Lloyd George's "mischief making," Britain will not take sides in Chinese civil wars, but has an obvious and pressing duty to protect the lives of her subjects, and the employment of the navy therefore does not constitute war.

The newspaper tributes the wisdom of Mr. Lampson, in exploring the position in Central China, and opines it is worth while to get into personal contact with the Cantonese leaders; but the principle that international treaties can be repudiated by one-sided declarations or violent action is inadmissible.

Finally, it urges Mr. Lampson to put a check on the dangerous tampering with the Customs.

China Association Chairman. Mr. Leefe, chairman of the China Association, in a letter to the Press adds his voice to the chorus of criticism of Mr. Lloyd George's speech. He says there is good reason to hope that the influence of the extremists in China is only temporary, and out of the welter a party is arising competent to speak on behalf of a sufficiently large part of the country to carry out a revision of the treaties, which have long admirably served the needs of both nations. He opines that results will be obtained by such negotiations enabling China and Britain to continue to trade, providing the Minister to China be not thwarted by gross misrepresentation.—*Reader*.

JUNK PIRATED.

VICTIMISED BY EIGHT ARMED MEN.

On the return to the Colony of a cargo junk yesterday, the master reported to the Police the perpetration of a piracy by five men who boarded the boat from another junk and the loss of the boat license and some clothing.

The master stated that he left Shaikwan for Ping Hoi, Blas Bay and when about five or six miles from Ping Hoi at about 8 p.m. on November 24, a fishing junk hailed the other boat and eight armed men held up the local junk. Five of the men boarded and ransacked the victimised craft and stole a basket of clothing and the master's license.

After remaining on board for about an hour the pirates left and the junk returned to Hongkong.

THE COAL RESUMPTION.

CHEAPER FUEL FOR HOUSEHOLDERS.

Rugby, Dec. 7.

A substantial cut in coal prices, which the re-opening of mines and resumption of work by 700,000 miners have made possible, became effective to-day, when retail prices of household coal were reduced, according to quality from fourteen to nineteen shillings per ton. It is understood that the position at the collieries is such that restrictions on the export of coal will now be withdrawn, but some control will be maintained temporarily regarding shipments abroad of anthracite and coke.

Places are being found in the mines as rapidly as possible for men applying for work. It is estimated that an additional 100,000 miners will restart this week.—*British Wireless*.

BRITAIN AND FINLAND.

CORDIAL RELATIONS EMPHASISED.

Rugby, Dec. 7.

At an Anglo-Finnish dinner last night the Finnish Minister in London referred to the recent growth of trade and intellectual relations between the two countries and said the interest in the English language in Finland was growing so fast that English promised to be the best-known foreign language in the country.

The President of the Board of Trade said the fostering of cordial relations with Finland, political and commercial, would be the aim of whatever British Government was in power. Britain was Finland's best customer, taking one third of its exports and supplying seventeen per cent of its imports. The reputation for stability and integrity which Finland was establishing on the exchanges of the world was observed with admiration in England.—*British Wireless*.

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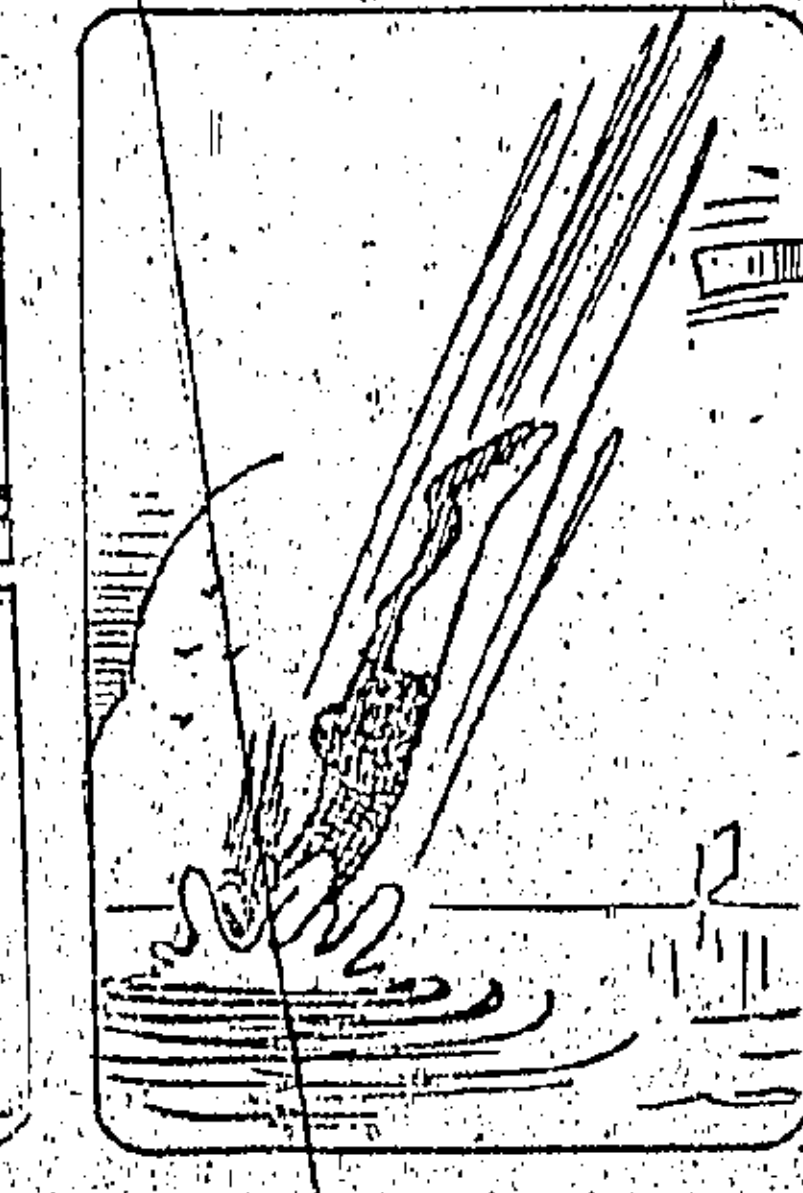
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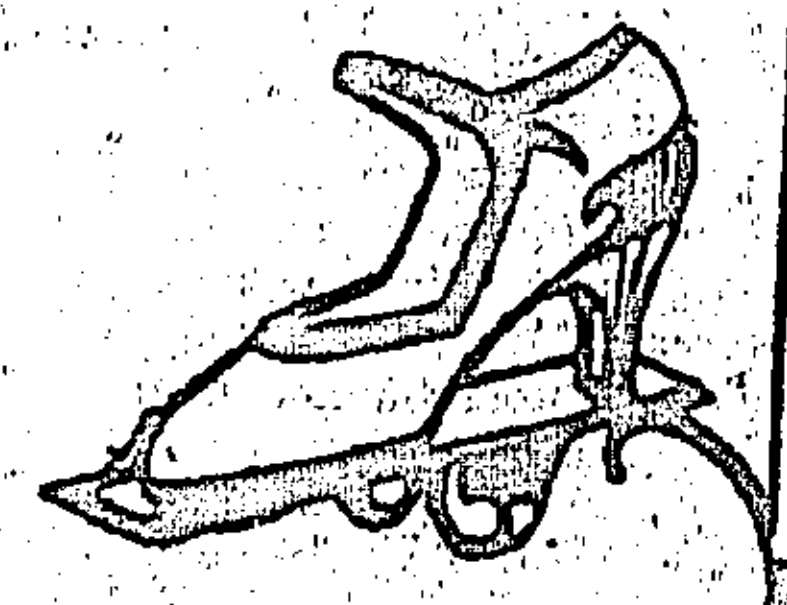
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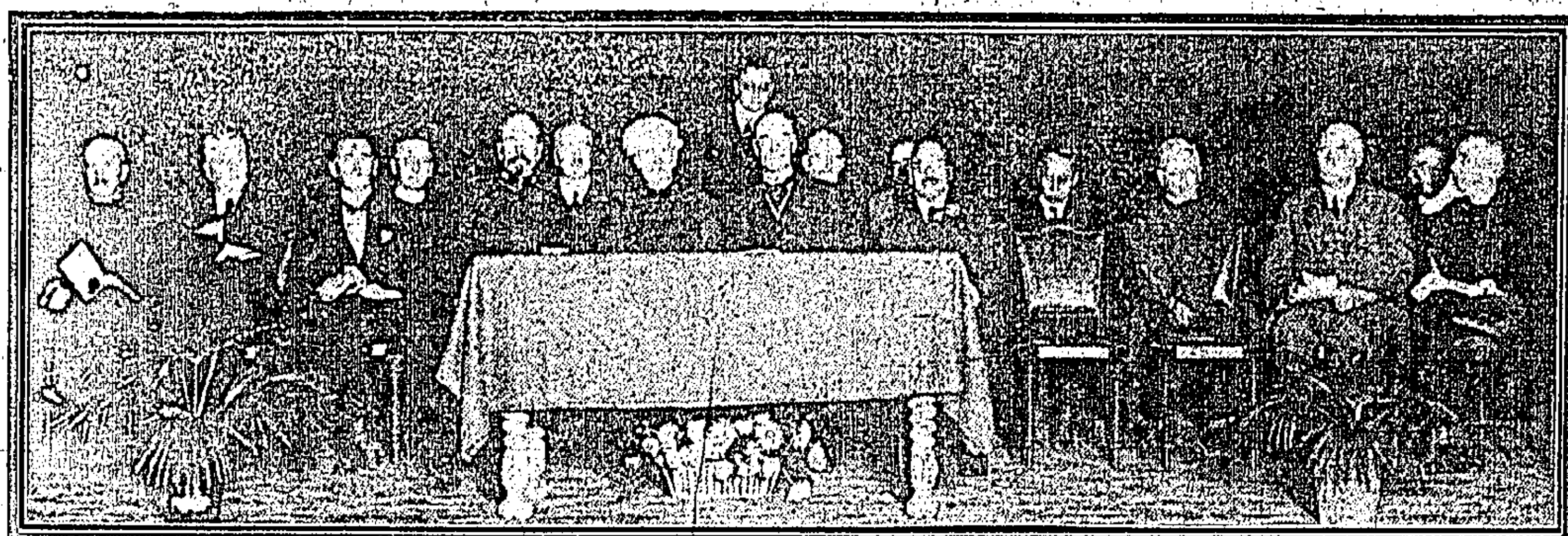
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FLIGHT LEADER.—Lieut.-Com. H. T. Bartlett, U.S.N., who is to command the Navy's forthcoming 2,200-mile flight from Philadelphia to Colon, in the Canal Zone.



THE PRINCE OF WALES IN FRANCE.—H. R. H. The Prince of Wales visited the Ecole Militaire at St. Cyr recently, and at an unofficial ceremony organized by the cadets was installed as a member. Our photograph shows him inspecting the Guard of Honour of cadets, accompanied by General Colin, Commandant of the School, and General Gourand, the Military Governor of Paris. (Times copyright)



GENERAL BOOTH AT SHANGHAI.—Members in all walks of life turned out to hear General Bramwell Booth when he addressed a large audience at the Lyceum Theatre, Shanghai, recently. Photograph shows those seated on the platform with the General who is seen seated in the centre at the table. To the reader's right of General Booth is Sir Sidney Barton, K.B.E., C.M.G.



PRINCE CAROL.—Prince Carol, son of Queen Marie of Roumania, seems little concerned about the throne he renounced as he takes the wheel of a gearless and clutchless machine at the Paris Automobile Salon. Beside him is M. Constantinesco, the inventor.



WEDDING BELLS AT SHANGHAI.—Group taken after the wedding at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, on November 19, of Mr. John P. Reid and Miss Elma Crawford Clark. Left to right: Mr. W. S. Campbell (who gave the bride away), Miss Florrie Tiffin (bridesmaid), the bridegroom and the bride, Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. Ritchie and Mrs. Schregardus. The two little flower girls are Misses Joan and Babs Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Reid will make their home in Kuling.

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THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
THERAPION No. 1
THERAPION No. 2
THERAPION No. 3

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MRS. SEMA BELLIOS DECEASED.

All persons having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send them to the Undersigned as soon as possible.

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CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

Acting under instructions from the Inspector General of Customs, I have this day taken over charge of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District from Mr. W. O. Law, Deputy Commissioner in charge ad interim.

F. HAYLEY BELL, Commissioner.

Office of Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District, York Buildings, Hongkong, 7th December, 1926.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23RD DECEMBER, 1926, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September, 1926, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 14th December, 1926, until Thursday, 23rd December, 1926, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th Dec., 1926.

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION, HONGKONG BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at 5.30 p.m., on Tuesday next, 14th December, in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

His Excellency the Governor, Chief Secut of Hongkong, will preside.

Agenda.

1. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.
2. To form a Colonial Scout Council to promote the welfare of the Scout Association in Hongkong.
3. To deal with any other business which may arise.

Signed, A. WHITE, Hon. Association Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG.

Frank D. Van Horn Esq., Late Superintendent of Highways, New York City,

will read a paper on "ROAD CONSTRUCTION," on WEDNESDAY, the 8th December, 1926, at 5.45 p.m.

Members and friends are cordially invited to be present.

Chairman, JAMES ORMISTON Esq., President.

A. LANDSBERT, Hon. Secretary.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

A DANCE

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1. That the capital of the Company be increased by the creation of One hundred thousand new shares of \$10.00 each to be called Preference Shares which shall carry the same special rights and privileges as are attached to the existing preference shares and shall in all respects rank pari passu therewith.

2. That the said new One hundred thousand preference shares shall be allotted at such time or times and in such manner and for such purposes in every respect as the Company's General Managers with the sanction of the Consulting Committee may decide.

SHEWAN TOMES & COMPANY, General Managers.

Hongkong, 30 November, 1926.

DISTRICT OFFICE SOUTH.

NEW TERRITORIES, HONGKONG.

In the matter of the Fuk Tin Tong. To All to Whom it may concern:

Whereas the following properties situate in the New Territories and registered as Lots Nos. 939, 959, 964, 965, 968, 969, 970, 972, 974, 1104, 1105, 1108, 1114, 1116, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1131, 1132, 1134, 1137, 1153 and 1177, in District No. 4 at Cheung and 1177, in District No. 4 at Cheung Sha Wan in the New Territories, Colony of Hongkong, are the properties of the Fuk Tin Tong and Whereas it is the intention of the Manager of the said Fuk Tin Tong to distribute the said properties and certain funds belonging to the Tong which are now in the possession of the Manager among the persons entitled thereto, NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim against or interests in the above properties or funds or in the said Fuk Tin Tong must forward the same in writing to the District Officer South not later than Friday, the 31st day of December, 1926, after which date no claim or demand will be entertained and the District Officer will sanction the distribution of the properties and funds of the said Fuk Tin Tong among the claimants whose claims have been duly approved.

W. SCHOFIELD, District Officer, South.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1926.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, December 3, 1926.

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The new Corporation now controls 3,300 shops.—Reuter's American Service.

A woman from Wanchai who was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, for dumping rubbish on the roadway, could not understand that it was an offence, and advanced the plea that nobody was being inconvenienced, because it occurred at three o'clock in the morning, when everyone should be in bed. His Worship held that the defendant should not be held responsible merely because she happened to be the chief tenant of the house, and he dismissed the case.

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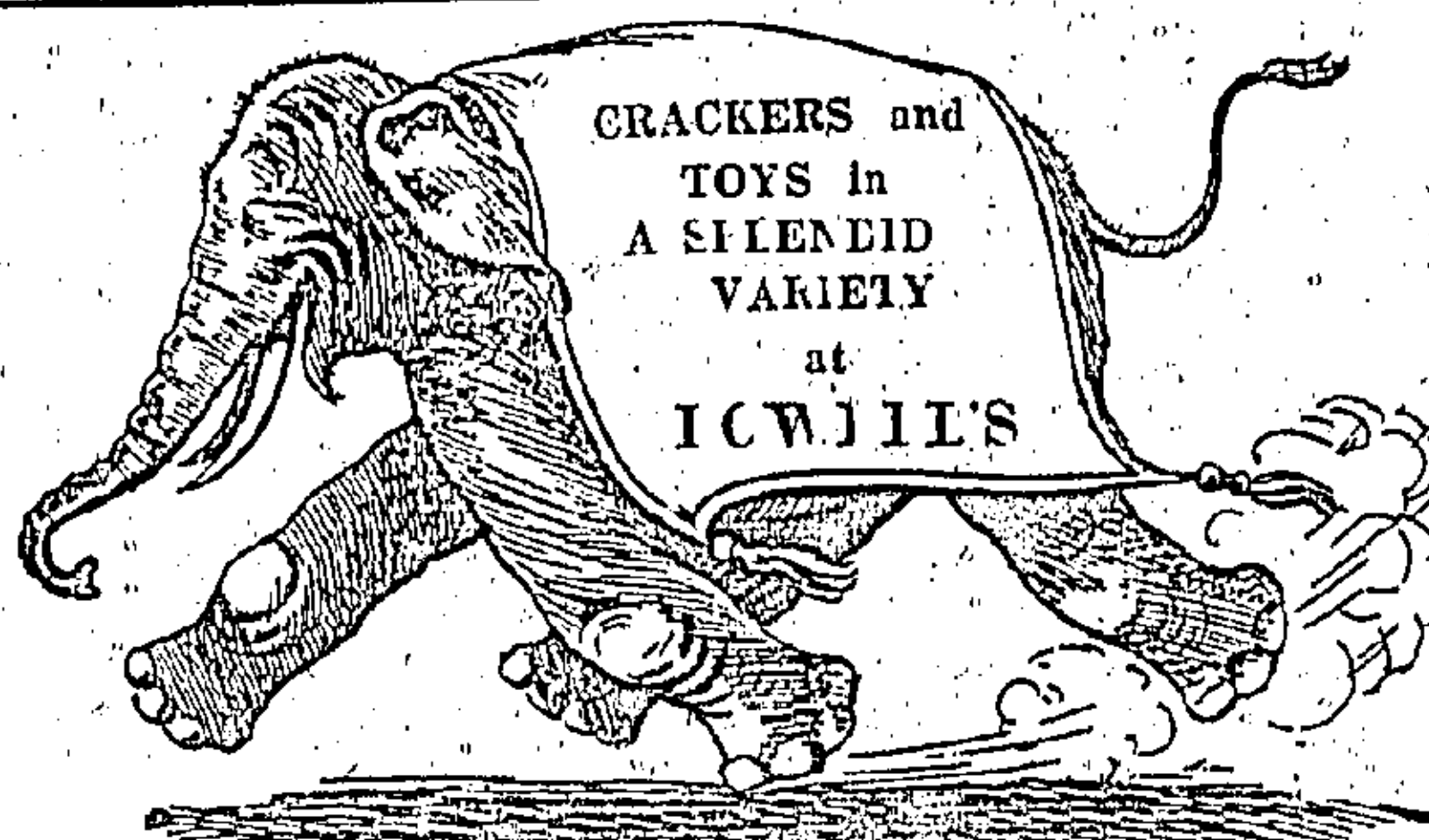
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U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	December 9.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Wilson	December 9.
Shanghai via Siberia	Luchow	December 9.
Shanghai	Macedonia	December 10.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers, 4th November)	Malwa	December 10.
Straits	Nyanza	December 10.
Australia and Manila	Changsha	December 10.
Straits	Pushimi Maru	December 12.
Shanghai	Hector	December 14.
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru	December 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru	December 17.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	December 17.
Manila	Pres. Wilson	December 17.
U.S.A., Hongkong, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Polk	December 20.
Japan	Tango Maru	December 21.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	December 21.
U.S.A., Hongkong, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln	December 23.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Canada	December 23.

For	Per	Date
Amoy	Tjmanoe	Wed., Dec. 8. 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially subscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Glenahed	Wed., Dec. 8. 5 p.m.
Swatow	Soochow	Thurs., Dec. 9. 8.30 a.m.
Hohow and Haiphong	Tamung	Thurs., Dec. 9. 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Delta	Thurs., Dec. 9. 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Overstraten	Thurs., Dec. 9. 2.30 p.m.
Wai Hai Wei	Chip Shing	Thurs., Dec. 9. 5 a.m.
Hohow, Peking and Haiphong	Talkwa Maru	Fri., Dec. 10. 8.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tijlbeet	Fri., Dec. 10. 11.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hatching	Fri., Dec. 10. noon.
Shanghai and Japan	Malwa	Fri., Dec. 10. 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Fri., Dec. 10. 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Szechuen	Fri., Dec. 10. 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hongkong	Fri., Dec. 10. 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Manado Maru	Fri., Dec. 10. 5 p.m.
	Parcels	Dec. 10. 5 p.m.
	Macedonia	Sat., Dec. 11.
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 7th Jan. 1927.)	
	Sulung	Sat., Dec. 11.
	Parcels	Noon.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kaying	Sun., Dec. 12. 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Kaijo Maru	Sun., Dec. 12. 9 a.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Sun., Dec. 12. 5 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

FEWER LABOUR TROUBLES.

AN IMPROVED POSITION IN U. S.

Washington, Dec. 7. The Secretary of Labour, Mr. Davies in his annual departmental report, says that owing to the growing practice of resorting to conciliatory and mediatory action in trade disputes, the number of American Labour controversies is diminishing. The workers fully share in the prosperity of America, which is to-day the richest country that ever existed, and that hopeless poverty, except among the aged and infirm, is almost unknown.

The administration of the immigration laws in 1926 is described as most satisfactory since Congress adopted the limitation policy in 1921. The number of immigrants excluded after a long journey to American has been reduced to a minimum due partly to stationing United States medical and immigration inspectors abroad.—Reuter's American Service.

Injuries of a severe nature were received by a coolie yesterday afternoon in a motor accident which occurred at the Praya East, near the Kwong Sang Hong Perfume Factory. The victim appears to have been knocked down by a motor car whilst crossing the roadway, and he was removed in an unconscious condition to the Government Civil Hospital in the car which was involved in the mishap.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.
Hongkong, \$1165 n.
Chartered, Bank, 221 s.
Mercantile A. & B., 1307 n.
Mercantile C., 1135 n.
P. and O., 297 b.
East Asia, \$84 n.

Marine Ins.
Canton Ins., \$640 b.
China Underwriters, \$1.45 sa.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Union Ins., 290/95 n.
Yankee Ins., \$45 b.

Fire Ins.
China Firs., \$200 b.
Hongkong Firs., 6171 sa.
Shipping
Douglases, \$281 b.
Steamboats, \$271 n.
Tugs, \$11 b.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$32 b.
Shell Trans., 90/- n.
Star Ferries, \$60 n.
Waterboats, \$15 b.

Refineries.
China Sugars, \$25 s.
Malabons, \$36 n.
Mining
Benguet, \$1.50 n.
Kailans, 38/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 27 n.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 4.50 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 9.00 b.
Raubs, \$41 n.
Tronchs, 68/- b.
Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

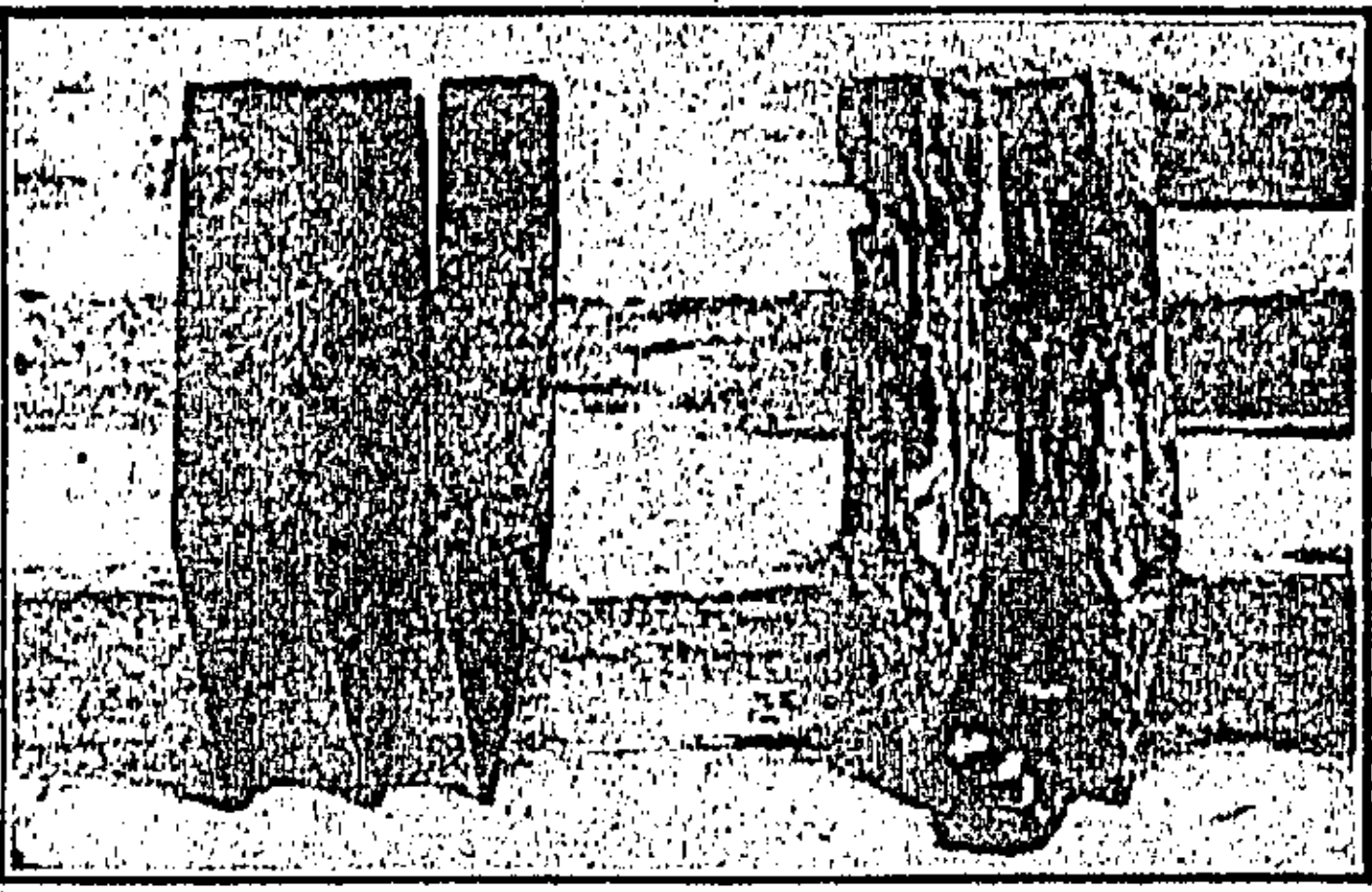
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$115 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$54 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 175 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 6.60 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 117 s.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$9.50 s.
H.K. Lands, \$59 s.
Realty, \$6.15 b.
Territorials, \$3 s.
Humphreys, \$15 s.
Princes Bldgs, \$89 n.
Rural Lands, \$11 n.

Cottons.
Ewos Cottons, Tls. 91 s.
Orientals, Tls. 3 s.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 541 b.

Buses, Trams.
China Buses, \$91 b.
Tramways, \$231 s.
Peak Trams, \$old \$152 n.
Spore Tractions 15/- s.
Taxis, \$2 s.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$16 b.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$11 s.
China Lights, \$171 s.
China Prov., \$5.25 b.
Constructions, \$1.75 b.
Dairy Farms, \$181 b.
Dar A Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$60 s.
Macao Electric, \$35 n.
Ropes (Comb.) \$26 s.
Lane Crawford, \$8 n.
Mackintosh, \$191 n.
Sinceres, \$91 s.
United Asbestos, \$20 s.
Watsons, \$13 n.
Powells, \$61 n.

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St George's Building.**DANCE FASHIONS.****STEPS TO BRIGHTEN UP THE
BALLROOM.**

London has been invaded by the people who teach Britain to dance. From all over the country dancing teachers have come to learn the latest steps, and are spending a week finding out just how many of the new Spanish steps can be safely taught in the parish hall. Dancing has wakened up. The smooth, gliding movements have been replaced by curves, tee-to-tum spins and rapid unwinding movements. Even the staid steps of the tango have been adapted.

Intricate Knee Work.

Elderly men and determined, looking young women are drawn together in London, from every corner of the British Isles.

They have come with the common resolve to teach Little Puddington how to do the filleted ankle steps and intricate knee-working which characterise the new dances.

What London is dancing now will be danced in the parish halls in a month or so's time; not quite in the same way, perhaps, but in very fair imitation.

In the absence of any actual new dances, London decrees that the old dances must be danced in a new way, and many and bewildering are the steps, movements and variations.

The smooth skating-rink type of ballroom dancing, and consequent masklike immobility of the dancers, is out of date.

Happy With Bruised Shins.

Curves, tee-to-tum spins with a rapid unwinding movement, and pivots are the new style, and dancers are expected to look as though they enjoy this form of physical drill.

"Please look happy about it," says the West End teacher sweetly, and the provincial professors, with aching backs and bruised shins, do their best to comply.

"Now, this is a very smart movement, indeed," continues the teacher, "which I can only describe by using the word 'swish.' Your movements should suggest the meaning of the word."

Another movement of equal importance has been taken from the action of the mountain ski-er.

"Like this. Please follow me," says the instructor, and she throws her weight on the satin-shod foot and appears to skim down the ballroom followed by the professors of Little Puddington.

Rolling Eyes Like Spaniards.

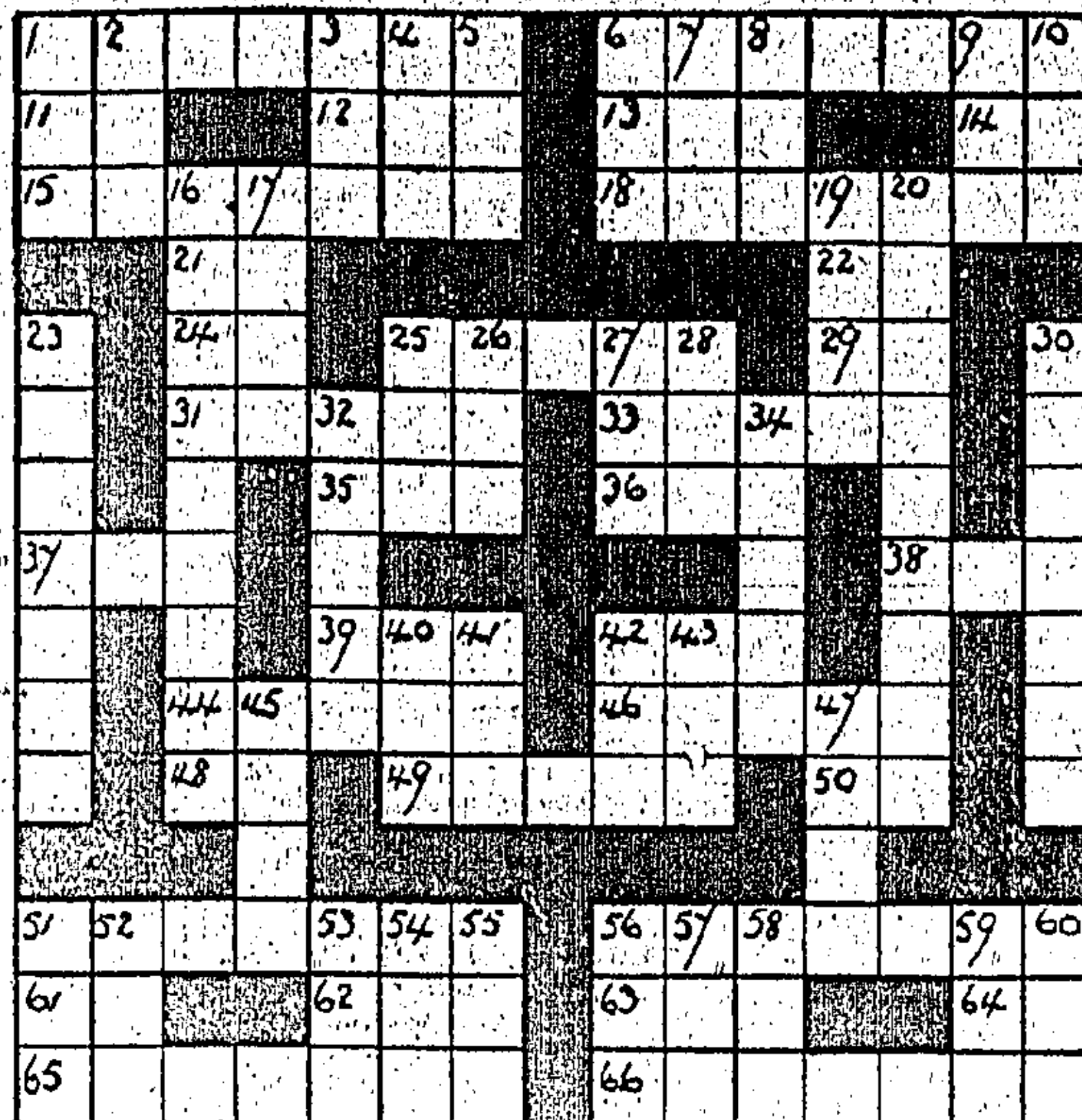
When they have recovered both breath and balance she initiates them into the difficult knee work of the Charleston, because knees play a far more important part than ankles in the new flat Charleston.

They are taught also to kick their own legs instead of other people's, and to finish up merrily with a sharp stamp of the foot.

The Spanish influence is to be a feature of the ballroom this winter, and so they are shown how to bend from the hips and roll their eyes and snap fingers in the approved manner.

A Spanish two-step is also demonstrated in which the staid steps of the tango are introduced to very quick time.

At the end of the week the professors will be limping back to their native towns to impart the new ballroom secrets to their pupils.

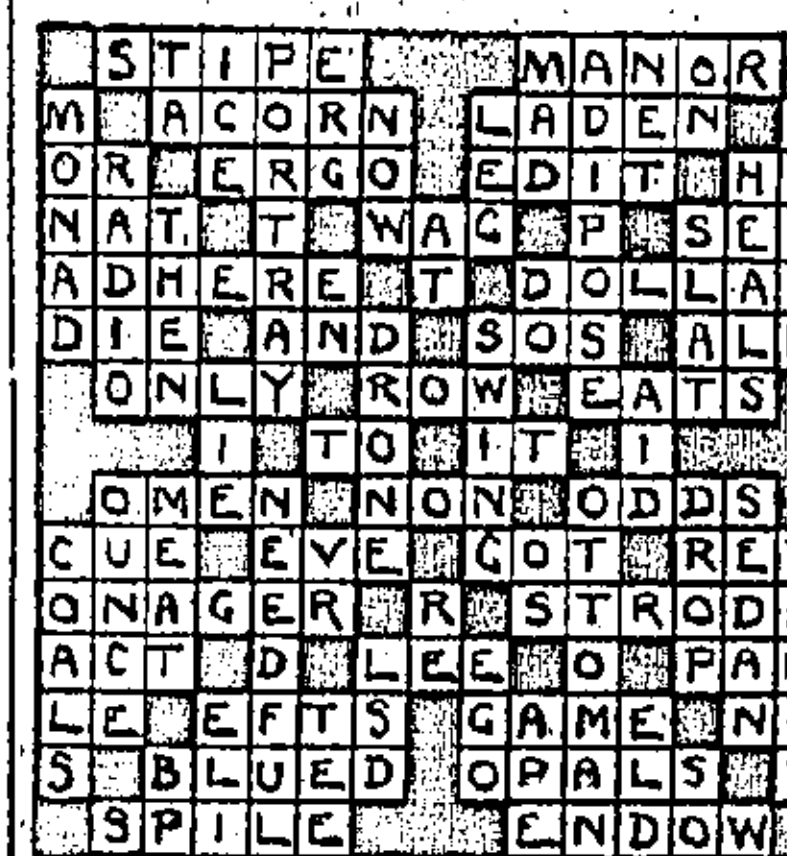
OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.**Across.**

1. Become late.
6. Injuries.
11. A motorist's association (abbr.).
12. Girl's name.
13. Raw metal.
14. Behold!
15. A murderous deed.
18. Multiplied by ten.
21. To precede.
22. Neuter pronoun.
24. Inside.
25. Start.
29. Negative.
31. A singer.
33. Routes.
35. Urge.
36. And others.
37. A rodent.
38. Essential in rowing.
39. To place.
42. To stray.
44. A musical drama.
46. High born.
48. Not so.
49. A dwelling.
50. Bone.
51. Inscribed on tombs.
56. A little horn.
61. Either.
62. A meadow.
63. A girl's name.
64. First class.
65. New and original.
66. Dwellers.

Down.

1. A small animal.
2. The organ of hearing.
3. Starting point in golf.
4. Termination.
5. Following sunrise.
6. Speck.
7. Part of verb to be.
8. Males of the human race.
9. Measure in length.
10. Piece of turf.
16. Disturbance.

17. Departed.
19. Discover.
20. For examining interiors of ear.
23. An elevated class.
25. A morass.
26. Unit of work.
27. Wrath.
28. Denial.
30. Most costly.
32. To sneeze.
34. Bitter.
40. Age.
41. A small flap.
42. Conclusion.
43. Part of a fish.
45. Bay.
47. That which is lent.
51. An era.
52. Prefix meaning "after."
53. Everyone.
54. A favourite.
55. Grass cut and dried.
56. Punch.
57. A song.
58. Rushed.
60. It is (contraction).
59. Minstrel.

Yesterday's Puzzle.**SETTLEMENT DAYS.****HONGKONG STOCK
EXCHANGE LIST.**

The Stock Exchange Committee has decided that the following shall be the Settlement Days for the year 1927:

Tuesday, January 25; Tuesday, February 22; Tuesday, March 29; Tuesday, April 26; Thursday, May 24; Tuesday, June 28; Tuesday, July 26; Tuesday, August 23; Monday, September 23; Tuesday, October 25; Tuesday, November 29; Tuesday, December 20.

HANKOW SITUATION.**BRITISH LANDING PARTIES
WITHDRAWN.**

Shanghai, Dec. 7. A Hankow message of Dec. 6 states that the British naval landing parties have been withdrawn at the request of the Chinese authorities, who guarantee the integrity of the British concession.

A platoon of marines remain ashore on ordinary guard duties. —*Reuter.*

A BIG MOTOR ORDER.**TEN THOUSAND VEHICLES
FOR OVERSEAS.**

Rugby, Dec. 7. The largest single contract received by British manufacturers from overseas has just been placed with Morris Motors. The order, which is for delivery next year, is for 10,000 cars and lorries valued at about £2,000,000. —*British Wire-logs.*

Paris, Oct. 17.—M. Caillaux made an important statement on war debts at the Radical Socialist Congress at Bordeaux this evening. He recalled that when, as Finance Minister, he went to the United States to endeavour to settle the French debt he asked for a safeguarding clause it was refused. M. Berenger was equally unsuccessful. "When I went to England," continued M. Caillaux, "I obtained the maximum possible concessions, including a limited safeguarding clause. As far as I am concerned, my policy is, 'Sponge out all European war debts.' Transfer of wealth from one nation to another is an impossibility. That is a fact that will be recognised one day."

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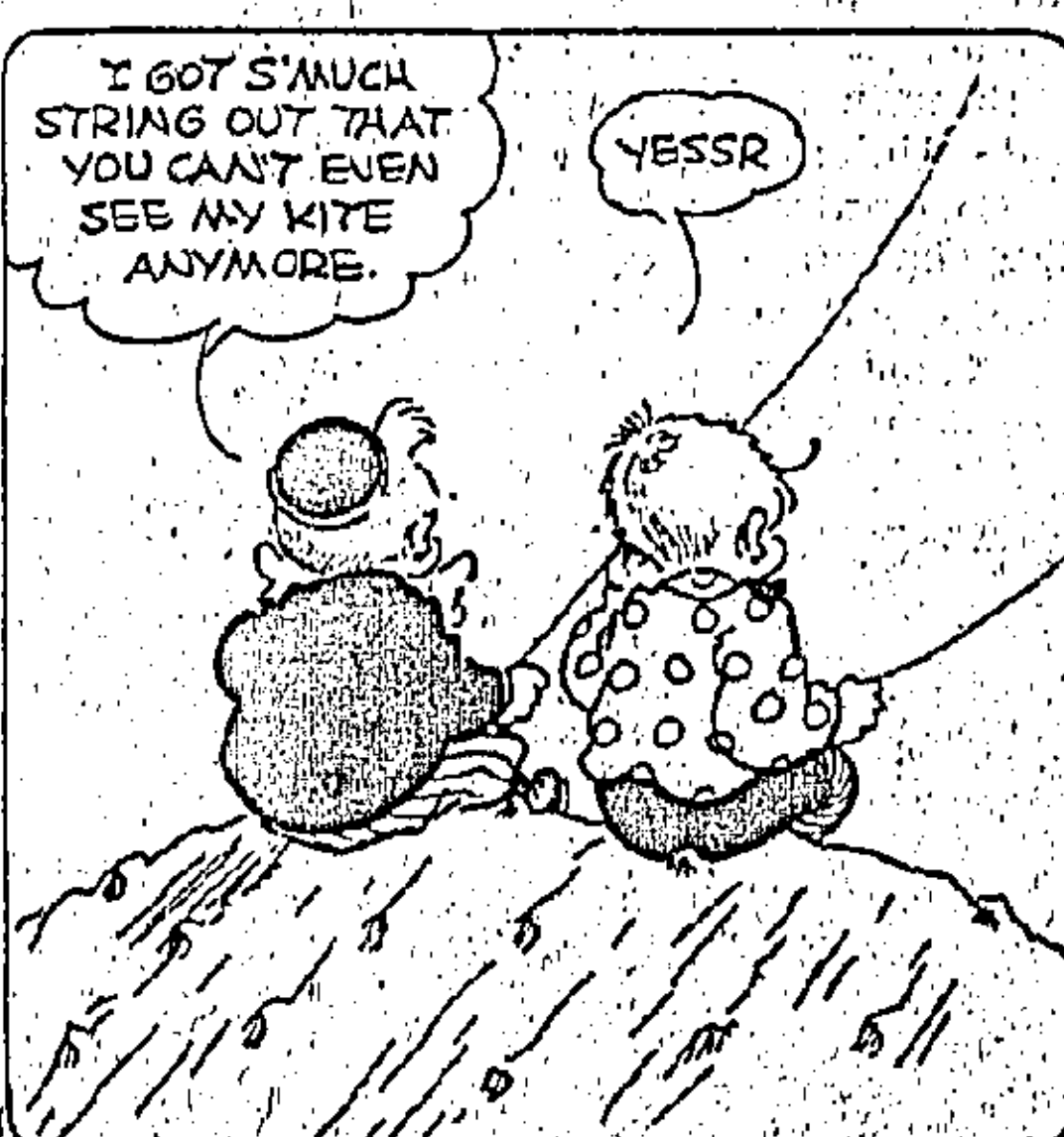
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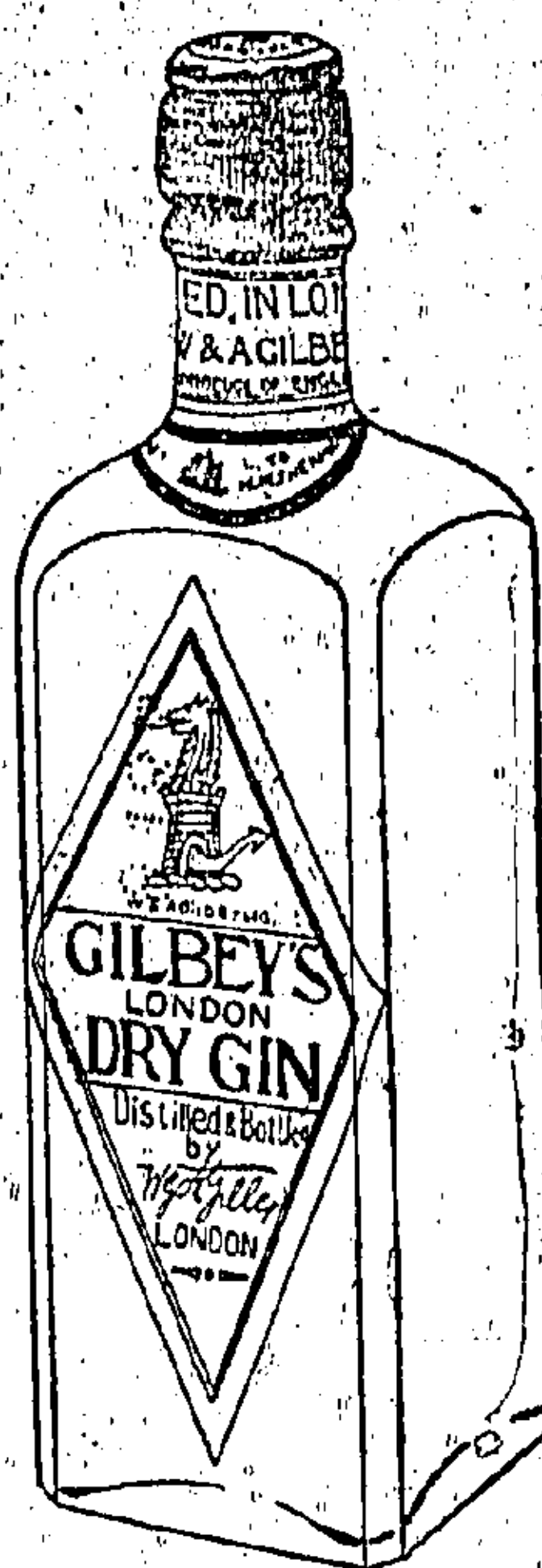
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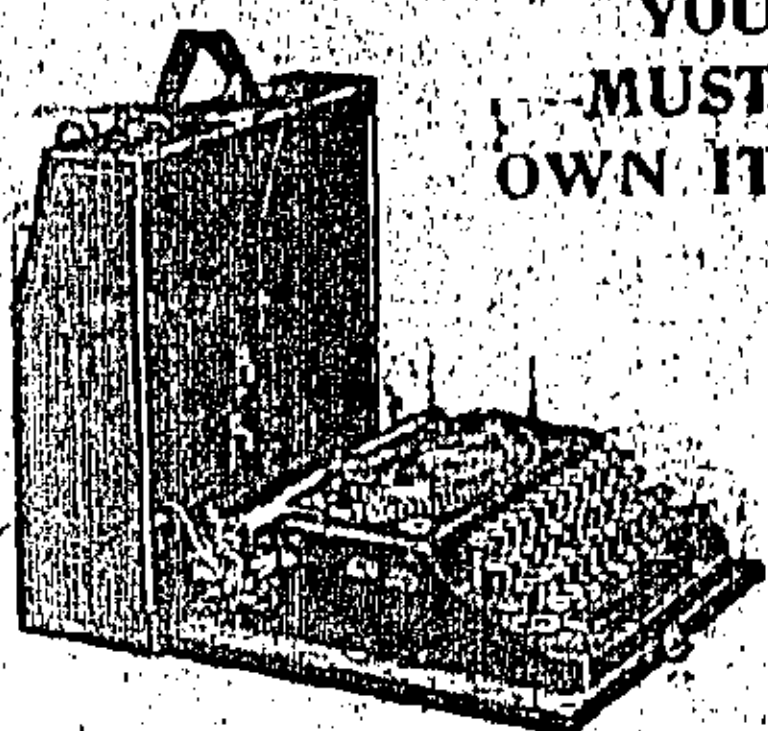
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BIRTH.

CASTRO.—At No. 9, Kennedy
Road, on 7th December, 1926,
to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Castro,
a daughter. (Macao, Shang-
hai and Japan Papers please
copy).

DEATH.

PATERSON.—On 29th October,
1926, at Lillian Cottage, 442,
King Street, Aberdeen, Scot-
land, Valerie Lillian Murray,
dearly loved infant daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pater-
son.

The Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1926.

FICTION AND TRUTH.

Amongst the mass of ill-inform-
ed comment on the China situa-
tion to which publicity is being
given in London and elsewhere
these days, Mr. Lloyd George's
Bradford speech stands out as a
glaring example of a man express-
ing opinions on a subject regard-
ing which he has no first-hand
knowledge. This utterance has,
incurred, as it deservedly should,
severe censure from many quar-
ters, and even the Liberal organ,
the *Daily News*, seeks to find ex-
cuses for the ex-Premier. Lord
Birkenhead characterises the
speech as wholly irresponsible, in-
accurate and mischievous, which
is precisely what it is. The
trouble with Home politicians on
this and so many other questions
is that they can seldom look at
matters from other than the pure-
ly party standpoint. If their
views did not go far afield, it
would not greatly matter, but
when their opinions are broadcast
all over the world it is possible
for ill-advised utterances to do a
deal of harm. Anxiety to dis-
credit political opponents can in
this way work untold mischief to
the cause of international peace
and amity—a point which spokes-
men of the Lloyd George type ap-
parently seldom bear in mind.

Like so many other misinformed
people, Mr. Lloyd George appears
to have conjured a vision of for-
eigners in China being a set of ag-
gressive people whose one aim is
to exploit the Chinese and oppress
them at every whim and turn. He
thus jumps at the conclusion that
they deserve all they get in the
way of danger and discomfort;
hence his remark that "foreigners
in China are suffering from their

own greed." How distorted a
view of the actual facts that is
we whose lot is cast in the Far
East know only too well. Lord
Birkenhead truly represented the
situation when he spoke of Bri-
tishers in China being men and
women harmlessly and usefully
living in the country under assu-
rances given by former authorities.
We have said before, and we re-
peat it, that the foreigners in China
are just ordinary men and wo-
men who are not East carrying on
commercial, educational and other
work, having no other desire than
to live at peace and amity amongst
those with whom they come into
contact. All that they want, and
what they have a right to expect,
is the safeguarding of their trade
and residential rights. They are
neither oppressors nor exploiters,
as the Chinese could themselves
testify.

But extremists in China as well,
as misinformed and tactless peo-
ple at Home, help to spread the
myth that foreigners in their con-
tact with the Chinese are of the
bullying and oppressive type.
Hence we get the Kuomintang
troops being taught by catechism
that Britain is their enemy be-
cause of alleged financial aid and
encouragement given to militarists
and by reason of the so-called ex-
ploitation of workers in the Con-
cessions. Lies of that character
are readily believed by the masses
when assiduously spread by pro-
pagandists. In the circumstances,
with irresponsible opinions gain-
ing currency at Home, the truth
being wilfully distorted out here,
can it be wondered at that the
general outside world gets so puz-
zled over this China situation?
The spread of truth and honesty is
the great need, and it can be said
that no nation would welcome that
more than Britain, whose policy
in China has been so grossly mis-
represented in recent times.

Our Colony's History.

Those who heard Mr. Lindsell's
lecture at the Helena May Insti-
tute, and, to a certain extent also
all those who have read the news-
paper account of it, must have felt
that any resident of this Colony
loses a tremendous amount of in-
teresting contact if he or she
knows nothing of the Chinese lan-
guage and the meaning of place-
names. It is, perhaps, inevitable
that the majority of foreign resi-
dents here should remain unlearned
in the native language, yet we
fear there is an over-readiness to
plead the difficulties—most of
which fade away to a certain ex-
tent upon closer investigation. If
one takes only the interesting
legend which provides the name
Tai Tai Mui for the village just
beyond Causeway Bay—one instan-
tly finds a fund of great interest,
and if we knew the origins and
significance of the names of our
Chinese streets we would, simi-
larly, enter upon a much wider
field of contact and understand-
ing with our Chinese friends.

The advantages of a knowledge
of the language have been stressed
too often to need emphasis here,
but Mr. Lindsell's lecture did
serve, in a popular way, to make
the appeal more pointed. But,
without going into the Chinese
language at all, the residents of
this Colony could understand a
great deal more of its most in-
teresting past if they knew the
significance of its European place
names—mostly "names of men."
Belcher's Street, Elliot Battery,
Nathan Road, Peel Street, Mount
Austin—the list of such is almost
endless and contains within it, if
one had but the energy to search,
the history of this little
Colony, and of the men associated
with it. Too many of us are just
content to know nothing, or prac-
tically nothing, of the early history
of Hongkong, of the pioneers and
the times in which they worked.
Perhaps we need another Society
here—one which will interest
itself in making more readily
available that which has already
been written concerning the
absorbingly interesting history of
the Colony.

The health return for yesterday
shows two cases of typhoid and
one of diphtheria. All were Chi-
nese.

DAY BY DAY.

**WOMAN IS THE SALVATION OR THE
DESTRUCTION OF THE FAMILY. SHE
CARRIES ITS SALVATION IN THE FOLDS
OF HER MANTLE.**—Amiel.

The P. and O. liner *Macedonia*,
which left Shanghai yesterday at
4 p.m., is due here at 6 a.m. on
Friday.

Having left Shanghai at noon
yesterday, the P. and O. liner
Delta is due here at 6 a.m. on Fri-
day.

The Empress liners are to re-
vert to the style of being painted
all white. A start is being made
with the Empress of Asia, now in
dock at Kowloon.

There will be a Public Lecture at
the Helena May Institute on Wed-
nesday, December 15th, at 5.30 p.m.
given by Capt. Miles on "Wireless
Telegraphy and Telephony." Ad-
mission free.—*Advt.*

One of the patients admitted into
the Government Civil Hospital yester-
day was a Chinese woman, who
is stated to have taken opium in an
endeavour to commit suicide. She
is now in a critical condition.

Posing as revenue searchers,
robbers visited a Kowloon lighter
last night, and stole \$16, the prop-
erty of the lighter foreman. They
bound up their victim before com-
mencing on a search for valuables.
The men made their escape.

For the 24 hours up to nine
o'clock this morning, six British
ships arrived in harbour, and eight
departed. The total arrivals were
thirteen and departures fifteen.
The total number of ships in har-
bour was sixty-five.

Commodore Pearson, who is re-
lieving Rear Admiral Stirling in
charge of the Hongkong naval es-
tablishment, is due here by the
P. and O. liner *Malwa*, on Friday,
accompanied by Pay Lieut. A. T.
Thompson as Secretary, together
with Mrs. Pearson and child.

Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie
and Co. have issued an effective wall
calendar showing the B. I. liner
Varsova and the P. and O. liner
Rizmak at Bombay. The custom-
ary diary and almanack advertising
these two lines have also been is-
sued.

The return of the number of
cases of notifiable disease which
occurred in the Colony during the
week ended last Saturday shows
eight cases, all Chinese, of enteric
fever, of which seven were fatal.
There was also one Chinese case
of cerebrospinal fever, also fatal.
Four Chinese cases of enteric
fever were reported in the Colony
on Monday.

The master of a cargo junk
which left Tai Tong, Chinese Ter-
ritory, for Shaikwan at 5 a.m. on
December 6, with a cargo of fire
wood on board, ran into the rocks
off Fu Tan Mun pass twenty-four
hours later. The junk capsized and
sunk. The crew numbering
eight in all were rescued by a
fishing junk and brought back to
Hongkong.

A Chinese woman was removed
to the Kwong Wah Hospital yester-
day suffering from a nasty wound
in the head, inflicted with a meat
chopper. The case is stated to be
the outcome of a domestic tragedy,
the woman's husband being now
held in the custody of the Yau-mat
police on a charge of attempted murder.

Returning residents by the P.
and O. liner *Malwa*, on Friday, in-
clude Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, Cap-
tain P. and Mrs. Bell Smith, Mr.
C. W. E. Bishop, Mrs. H. Balean,
Mr. D. Dalgleish, Commr. G. B.
and Mrs. Hartford, Mrs. A. O.
Lang, Miss R. Luard, Mr. and Mrs.
A. Nicol, Mr. J. Russell, Mr. and
Mrs. J. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. A. R.
Sutherland, Mr. P. P. J. Wood-
house and Mr. E. J. Wynne-Jones.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Paris	126
Brussels	34.50
Amsterdam	12.13
Berlin	20.39
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.40
Hamburg	129.2
Lisbon	2.17/2
Buenos Aires	45.15/15
Shanghai	2/5 1/2
Yokohama	2/0 1/2
New York	48.15/15
Ceylon	25.14
Milan	113 1/2
Stockholm	18.14
Oslo	19.14 1/2
Prague	163 1/2
Madrid	31.04 1/2
Rio	1/5 1/2
Bombay	1/5 1/2
Hongkong	1/11 1/2
Silver (spot and forward)	24 1/2

—*British Wireless.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CAFE PARISIEN.

[To the Editor of the *Hongkong
Telegraph.*]

Sir—It seems rather strange to
myself and many other patrons of
the Cafe Parisien that the Licens-
ing Board should refuse the licence
to the manager, Mr. Green (for,
after all, all platitudes to one side,
they actually turned down Mr.
Green, a long and respected mem-
ber of this Colony) on the grounds
of the Cafe "not fulfilling any ex-
tensive want."

When I look back a few months
and think of the many crowded
evenings that the cafe has enjoyed,
when I think of the happy, crowded
dances of the Warrant Officers'
Club, of the colour, the music, the
exhibition dancing, I am inclined
to think this statement a pretty
poor excuse.

All around us we have Cafes,
large and small, Chinese owned—
most of which can supply the neces-
sary refreshment. These places
do not appeal to many Europeans as
the Cafe Parisien does; yet they
are, in the parlance of those in
awful majesty above us, "fulfilling
an extensive want," at least we pre-
sume so as they have their licences.

Do you, Mr. Editor and readers,
consider that the needs of the Euro-
pean community should be attend-
ed to as well as those of the Chi-
nese? If so, may I ask why should
so many Chinese restaurants be
allowed to sell refreshments in
liquid form and a restaurant
operated by a former Ally of ours
during the Great War appealing to
our former Allies as well as to a
great section of the British com-
munity who dislike the club bar,
with its attendant brass rail, be
turned down?

It seems futile in this Colony to
make any protests. The best
thing, I guess, for any live spirits
that may be left is to proceed to a
better land as quickly as possible,
away from the twelve o'clock res-
trictions, the drab misery of the
life here for the average Euro-
pean—to leave this "morgue" as
quickly as possible. True, hun-
dreds have already been forced out
by the present business conditions,
but our Government will not allow
us the pleasure of a little music,

WIRELESS PROGRESS.

THE NEW BEAM STATIONS.

Rugby, Dec. 7.

Questioned regarding the wire-
less beam stations, Lord Wolmer,
Under-Secretary of the Post Office,
stated that the agreement with the
Marconi Company provided for the
erection in this country, on behalf
of the Post Office, of beam stations
communicating with correspond-
ing stations in Canada, Australia,
South Africa and India. The
stations for the Anglo-Canadian
service were now operating. The
stations for the Anglo-Australian
services were undergoing prelimi-
nary trials and were expected to be
ready for their final tests in a few
weeks. The stations for the
Anglo-South African and Anglo-
Indian services would, it was
hoped, be completed early in the
New Year.—*British Wireless.*

MERCANTILE MARINE.

PROPOSED BRITISH WAR MEMORIAL.

Rugby, Dec. 7.

Mr. Gosling, the leader of the
Transport Workers' Union, intro-
duced in the House of Commons
a Bill conferring on the Imperial
War Graves Commission power to
erect a memorial to officers and
men of the Mercantile Marine who
perished in the late war. He
suggested that Stepney, a river-
side borough in East London,
would be a suitable site.

The Bill, which is backed by
the Premier and the Labour and
Liberal leaders, was read a first
time amid cheers.—*British Wire-
less.*

a little dancing, a little wine, to
help us forget the struggles we
are passing through.
Since a few months from the
opening of this Cafe, I have been
a constant patron and I can assure
you, Sir, that I have never yet
seen any rowdiness nor any in-
fringement of the twelve o'clock
closing "curfew" regulations.—
Yours, etc.,

JUSTICE.
Hongkong, Dec. 8th, 1926.

The Very Idea!

One day Midas felt an acute
pain in his uvula and/or aorta.
Promptly he rolled up to Sir
Tambur-lane, the Har-
ley-street expert on uvulas and/or
aortas.

"Two hundred guineas," quoth
Sir Tambur-lane, "is my fee."

"Two hundred guineas is right,"
said Midas, drawing forth cheque-
book No. 18, and writing out a
cheque for £200.

"Two hundred and nine pounds
is not," gurgled the specialist.
"Add a Treasury note." Midas did
with a groan.

"Have at thee," said Sir Tambur-
lane, then, reaching for his lancet,
stethoscope and theodolite. And
he investigated Midas.

"Sorry," he announced in his
best bedside manner, "but your
uvula and/or aorta points seven
degrees away from the true north.
You have only three days to live."

Somewhat depressed, Midas
made for home, and, on his way,
the humour seized him to call at
the surgery of Dr. Hills, a humb-
le practitioner.

"I have but three days to live,"
said he, telling his piteous story.
"Can you make it four?"

"I can," said Dr. Hills, after a
brief examination. "You're good
for another twenty years. Straw-
street is an ass!"

"Thanks," gasped Midas.
"You've made me a happy man.
How much?"

"Half a guinea."

"Half a guinea? Not likely.
Why you're only an L.R.C.S.
(here's your fee.) And banging
a dollar on the table, Midas went
forth.

Patron (crossly): "Say, waiter,
what are these black spots in my
cereal?"

Waiter (after close inspection):
"Dunno, sir, unless it's some of
them vitamins every one is talking
about now."

The alarm clock simply didn't
ring.

They often get that way.
It surely was a costly thing.
It cost him one day's pay.

A wealthy Englishman used to
take long walks in the country.
On one of these expeditions he
came upon a man who farmed a
few acres of land, and who was
removing some sheep from one
field to the other with the aid of a
very intelligent collie dog.

By the time the task was com-
pleted, the gentleman had taken a
fancy for the dog, so he asked its
owner if he wouldn't sell it.

The farmer said he had no
objections, if he got a good price.
The gentleman offered £10,
which was at once accepted.

After the deal was completed, the
gentleman asked the farmer if it
would not be more profitable to
breed such dogs instead of sheep.

"No," said the farmer. "I
can aye get merchants to buy
my sheep, but I canna aye get
fools to buy my dogs!"

In the central Sahara, men of
many wandering tribes go veiled,
while the women are bare-faced.
Among these are the Tuaregs, who
show evidences of having enjoyed
a higher degree of civilization
than they now display. Though
Mohammedans, the Tuaregs are
monogamists and women occupy a
position of independence.

The Prodigy's Mother: "Of
course, I know she makes little
mistakes sometimes, but you see,
she plays entirely by ear."
The Prodigy's Uncle: "Unfor-
tunately, that's the way I listen."

Mr. H. T. Finck, the distinguish-
ed New York musical critic, whose
death is just reported, wrote a
few years ago a book entitled
"Girth Control," devoted to the
problem of reducing one's weight.
When asked why he, an authority
on music, had diverted his atten-
tion to such a subject, he replied,
very suitably, we think: "Well,
during my four decades as a
musical critic it has been one of
my duties to give advice to prima
donnas. Now, is there anything
most of them need more than
advice on how to reduce?" Struss
last year had a difficulty, we re-
member, in finding a singer who
could impersonate his "Woman
Without a Shadow."

U. S. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

REDUCTION OF TAXATION LIKELY.

Washington, Dec. 7. In his annual message to Congress President Coolidge pleads for economy, but suggests that a portion of the Budget surplus estimated at \$383,000,000 be used to reduce the burden of taxation. He says that Customs' receipts for the present fiscal year are estimated to be over \$615,000,000, which is a record and points out that 65 per cent. of the imports are duty free. The United States admitted a greater volume of free imports than any other country except Britain. In view of the agitation for a reduction of tariffs, there does not seem to be a very large field within the area of American imports, in which probable reductions would be advantageous to foreign goods. Sufficient funds were pleaded to finance the storage and carrying of 4,000,000 bales of cotton, but no method of meeting the situation would be adequate which did not contemplate a reduction of about one-third of the acreage in the coming year.

The rubber industry in the Philippines should be encouraged. —*Reuter's American Service.*

P. AND O. REPORT.

BRIGHTER HOPES FOR CHINA.

London, Dec. 7. The P. and O. Company's report for the year ended September 30 last shows a credit balance of \$919,000 as compared with \$855,000 in the previous year. \$274,000 is placed to Reserve for the redemption of debentures, and \$133,000 is carried forward.

The report mentions that the S.S. Moldavia has been converted to an oil-burner and it is proposed, similarly, to convert the Narkunda and Naldera as soon as possible.

The Company's business in China has been greatly interfered with but it is considered that things will improve soon. With regard to the Company's Indian affairs, the year has been one of great difficulty, but the outlook is now brighter.

The Directors have nominated Sir Geoffrey Rother Clarke to a seat on the board. —*Reuter.*

ROYAL TOUR.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK ENTERTAINED.

Rugby, Dec. 7. The Duke and Duchess of York, who sail shortly for Australia and New Zealand, were the guests today of the Australia and New Zealand Luncheon Club in London.

The Duke expressed pleasant anticipations of his visit. Particularly, he counted it a very high honour, as the King's representative, to open the new capital of the Commonwealth, which he trusted would inaugurate a new period of prosperity and development for Australia and her people. His Royal Highness added:—"The Duchess and I are longing to see the wonders of your country and to meet your people in their homes." —*British Wireless.*

TRADE UNION LAW.

DELICATE PROBLEM FOR CABINET.

Rugby, Dec. 7. The Cabinet to-morrow will have under consideration the proposals for Trade Union legislation in the form of the report presented by the Cabinet Committee.

In well-informed political quarters, it is stated that there is as yet no Bill for detailed examination, and it will be with major principles that the meeting will be concerned. The revision of Trade Union law is recognised in Government circles as presenting great difficulties and requiring very careful handling, for Trade Union law goes to the roots of the British industrial system. Any alteration will therefore have to have most mature consideration. —*British Wireless.*

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CHINA ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN.



Mr. L. N. Leung, formerly of Hongkong, and now Chairman of the China Association in London, who has been taking an active part in discussion of the Chinese situation at Home.

STOLE LADY'S BANGLES.

TENNIS COOLIE'S THEFT AT PEAK CLUB.

Two silver bangles belonging to Mrs. L. D. Joll, of No. 20, Humphreys Building, Kowloon, formed the subject of a larceny charge preferred against a coolie-gardener employed at No. 274, The Peak. The case was heard before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

It was shown that in his spare time when not employed in the capacity of a *fa-woong*, the defendant increased his income by hiring himself out as a tennis court coolie. A game was in progress at the Peak Club yesterday afternoon, and, at the conclusion, Mrs. Joll, in going away, recollected that she had left two silver bangles on a bank near the courts. A friend who went back to look for the bangles found they had disappeared, and the responsibility devolved on the No. 1 coolie of retrieving the articles. After a search, he located the defendant who had been employed at picking up the balls during the game, and got him to return Mrs. Joll's property.

The matter did not end there, however. By this time, the police had been informed, and Inspector Shannon then commenced a second search for the defendant, eventually arresting him in the coolies' quarters of Mr. D. G. M. Bernard's residence.

In reply to the charge, the defendant admitted that he had the bangles, but stated that it had been his intention to return them to Mrs. Joll. Before he had the opportunity to do so, he was arrested by the police.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell convicted the defendant and sentenced him to four weeks' hard labour.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

NO BALL TO BE HELD.

The Hongkong Society of St. George does not intend to hold the customary ball, which, in normal conditions, usually takes place on Twelfth Night, January 6th.

Recently, members of the Society were circulated on the subject, but many did not reply to the enquiry sent out as to whether a ball should or should not be held. Later, an advertisement was inserted in the newspapers requesting members to express their wishes in order that a decision might be reached on the matter.

We now learn that the question has been considered, and that it has been decided not to hold a ball. This decision was reached in view of the present depressed conditions and also because the response from members has been very poor.

Thus for the second year in succession there will be no St. George's Ball, as the function was not held last January on account of the period of mourning for the late Queen Alexandra.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, of No. 3, Queen's Gardens, was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning for allowing his dog to wander abroad without a muzzle. As the defendant did not appear in Court, the summons was adjourned for a week.

UNREGISTERED DENTIST.

CHINESE DETECTIVE AS PATIENT.

A Chinese was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for practising as a dentist without having been registered and authorised as such by the Government.

Sub-Inspector Fallon, who prosecuted, said the case ensued from the receipt, by the P.C.M.O., through an anonymous channel, of a copy of a handbill. The matter was referred to the police authorities, and a Chinese detective called at the advertised address and was treated by the defendant.

Questioned by Mr. Lindsell as to his qualifications, defendant first produced a certificate issued by the Canton Government, and then said that he had left his diplomas behind in the country.

He did not know the local regulations, being a newcomer from the country, and did not bring his papers, because he had then no real desire to establish himself in business here, until persuaded thereto by relatives and friends.

Replying to the Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Fallon said it was not alleged that the defendant had inflicted any harm, at least not in the case of the detective who went to him for treatment.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$100, and gave defendant time, up to one o'clock to-day in which to pay.

Defendant then said he was unable even to pay this amount. He applied for its reduction to \$25.

His Worship refused the application, pointing out that the fine permissible by law for such offences was \$500 and six months' hard labour. He confirmed the penalty, giving as the alternative a sentence of two months' hard labour.

JUNK FOUNDERS.

NO LIFES LOST.

A Hongkong trading junk became a total loss when it foundered in bad weather while returning to Hongkong during the week-end.

The mishap occurred near Futau-moon Pass, fortunately without the loss of any lives. The crew were picked up by a passing junk and landed in the Colony yesterday.

In a report he made to the local police, the master of the junk says he suffered a loss of \$1,000 through the disaster.

OIL DIVIDENDS.

HUGE TOTAL FIGURES.

New York, Dec. 7. The dividends of the Standard Oil Companies for the fourth quarter of 1926 amounted to \$61,166,456 which is \$19,062,297 more than in the final quarter of 1925.

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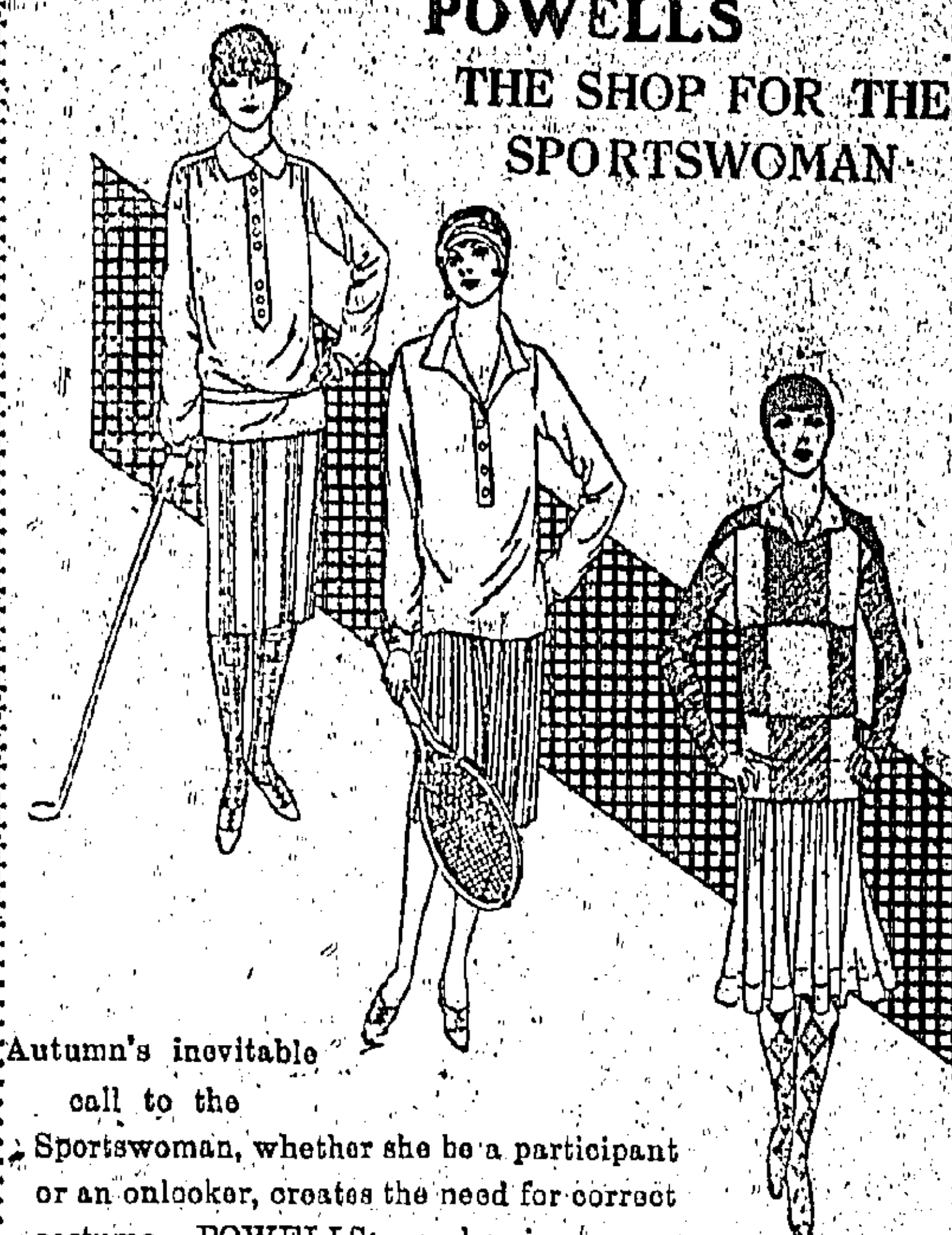
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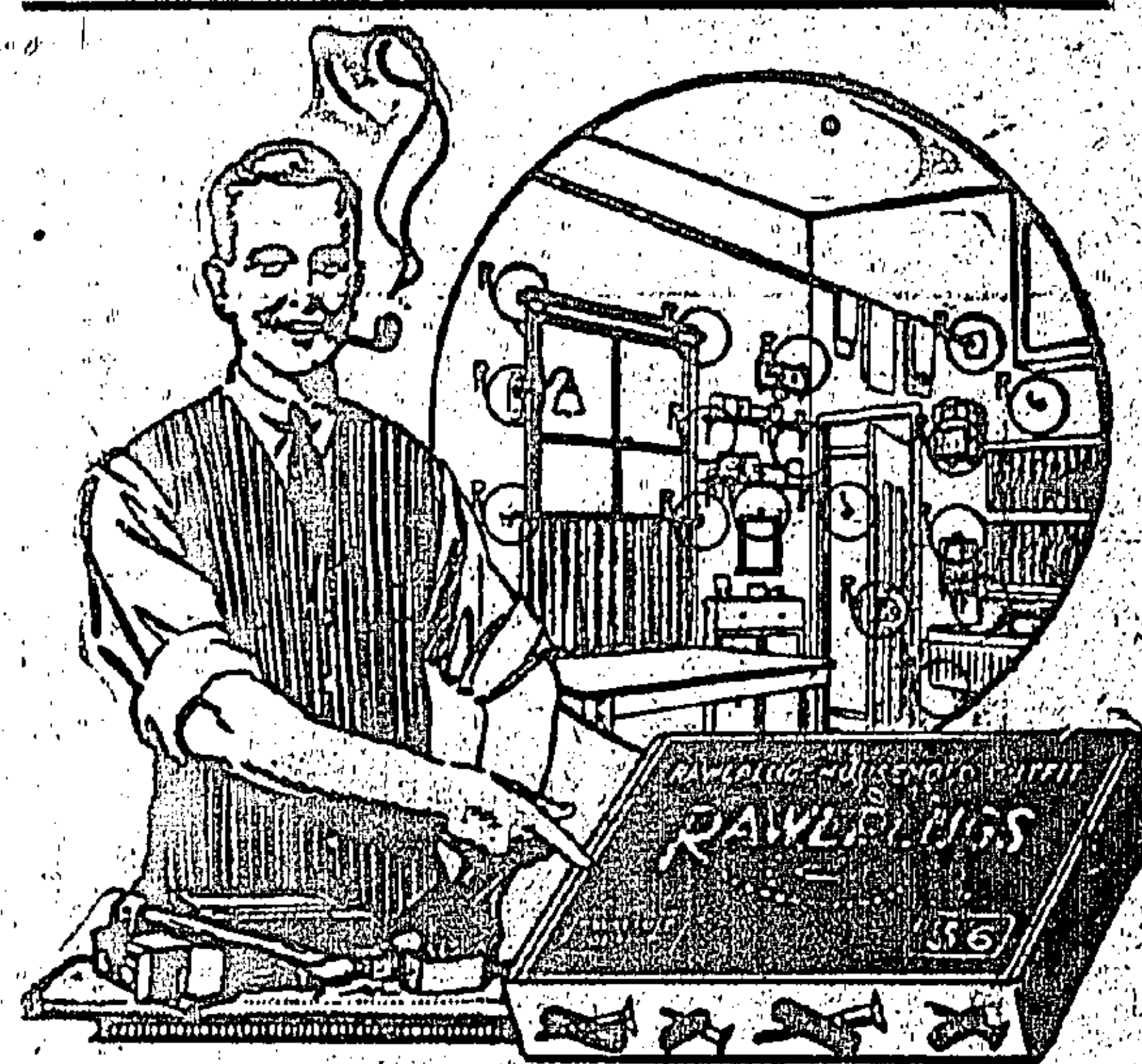
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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

MR. J. R. DUNN'S
LECTURE.

A considerable number of people gathered in the City Hall last evening to hear Mr. John R. Dunn of Boston, Massachusetts, deliver a lecture on Christian Science. Mr. Dunn is a member of the board of lecturership of the mother church at Boston. The chair was taken by Mr. D. G. M. Bernard. In introducing the lecturer the chairman said:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I am glad to welcome you this afternoon on behalf of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong, to hear a lecture on Christian Science.

Christian Science is indeed a practical religion. It heals sickness and is helping an ever growing number of people to overcome the difficulties and troubles that seem to beset human existence, and is showing them the way of salvation from all evil.

Although the Christian Science denomination only began 50 years ago there are to-day throughout the world over 2,200 Churches of Christ, Scientist, and Christian Science Scientists, affiliated with The Mother Church in Boston.

The experience of many Christian Scientists has been similar to mine inasmuch as I was opposed at one time to what I believed Christian Science to be and to teach, but later I found that it was only my wrong conception of it to which I was opposed. I now regard it as the truth that Jesus taught and demonstrated and which he promised would make us free.

The purpose of this lecture is to present the subject of Christian Science correctly and to bear testimony to the facts pertaining to the life of its Discoverer and Founder, Mary Baker Eddy.

The lecturer, Mr. John Randall Dunn, C.S.B., is a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, and I have much pleasure in introducing him.

The Lecture.

The lecturer said in part: It is my happy privilege to tell you of a friend that has been in your midst for some time. I refer to the Christian Science movement. Some of you may not have recognized this friend; in fact, you may even have fancied it an enemy, or something to be avoided. But the fact remains that the best friend, the most comforting message mankind has had since the days of the early Christians, has appeared in your time and mine, and is known as Christian Science.

Personal Experience.

In our family, we were dimly aware of the presence of this friend in our community; in fact, we saw in the town an unquestioned case of healing, yet our eminent ecclesiastical respectability hardly warranted more than a passing notice of this newcomer in religious circles. So it was not until many years had passed, and the burden of suffering had lain heavily upon a dear one that we sought the aid of this friend, and in one week's treatment in Christian Science the improvement was truly miraculous. From my earliest recollection, the sufferer in question had been a semi-invalid, subject to vicious attacks of stomach and intestinal trouble. Imagine my surprise on joining the family circle after an absence of a week, to see this erstwhile dyspeptic partake of a meal that in the past would have involved the speedy summoning of the physician. I looked on in alarm, and finally whispered to the one next to me that our invalid was "evidently not himself mentally and should be stopped. She cautioned me to say nothing about it; that such scenes had been enacted at such meals for the past week and without harmful results; that he was having Christian Science treatment, and that we should do nothing to break the spell! A "spell" this truly proved to be a good spell, or to use the old English expression, the gospel—the good news of the kingdom of God, which has brought healing and comfort and strength to us all these years.

Coming of Another Friend.

After witnessing this remarkable healing, I accepted gladly a copy of the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy. I was eager to know how this healing work was accomplished. I had not read more than two pages when I had to close the book and wipe from my eyes the tears of gratitude that had welled up. Here, truly, was that friend, that blessing, for which—perhaps unconsciously—I had been longing all my life—an understanding of God, logical, simple, and provable. And right here another remarkable thing happened: all antagonism to Mrs. Eddy vanished! Another friend had appeared! Gone was the senseless and baseless opposition, gone the ridicule of a movement founded by a woman! In fact, it seemed quite natural that this new friend

should have been introduced by gracious womanhood. When one reads Mrs. Eddy's Life by Sibyl Wilbur, and learns of the struggles and hardships and heartaches, as well as the glorious overcomings that attended the infant steps of the Christian Science movement, one readily sees why the discoverer of this Science had to be a woman. She must needs possess the instincts of the mother who clings to her child, when all others forsake it; she must be imbued with the faith and fortitude and patience which are the inherent possessions of the spiritually-minded woman.

No Personal Preaching.

Now this friend of mankind, this spiritual understanding of God and man, Mrs. Eddy has brought to us in her remarkable book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." What a unique title, is this—one which links both science and health to the Bible! Many are surprised when they hear the announcement at the Christian Science Sunday services that "The Bible and the Christian Science textbook are our only preachers." (Quarterly, page 4). No personal preaching, they exclaim. Why should one go to church just to hear reading? And then, little by little, the wonder of this new church organization dawns upon one, and more than ever he sees in Mrs. Eddy's work the imprint of divine leading. Instead of one personal minister, every member of the congregation has, in Bible language, become a "priest unto God," and has been studying and working on the sermon during the week. For one of the first tasks and most joyous privileges of the student of Christian Science is to give daily attention to the Lesson-Sermons in the Christian Science Quarterly composed of Bible texts "and their correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook." (Quarterly, p. 4). This naturally involves mental activity, and consequently some mortals are not attracted at first to this form of service. The attitude of many church-goers is reflected in a quaint story of the famous Robert Southey. He tells of the minister who met on the Sabbath a very hard-working man, a member of his congregation, and said to him, "I suppose Sunday is a blessed day of rest for you."

Why Scientists Go to Church.

Now it may as well be stated here, and positively, that the Church of Christ, Scientist, is no place for the man or woman who refuses to think. In fact, among other reasons, one should attend Christian Science services to think and to give. What can the phrase "divine service" mean, but to ponder the deep things of God, to drink in the spiritual truth of being, and through prayer or righteous thinking serve and heal the brother-man? Such services become glorious opportunities for spiritual broadcasting; and fortunate is that community wherein a body of right-thinking Christians gathers each Sunday and Wednesday to radiate into human consciousness the thoughts of God which will heal and bless and save! So every member of the congregation feels the importance of his work, and the necessity of his sharing in the reflecting, the spiritual broadcasting of the healing truths of the Lesson-Sermons at the Sunday services. He feels the importance of "tuning in" on the great wireless wave of thanksgiving that sweeps through human consciousness as the result of the mid-week testimony meetings.

Revolutionizing Thought by Prayer.

The moment one begins the study of the opening chapter of the textbook, it becomes apparent that his thought of prayer must be revolutionized and this involves a mighty revolutionizing of his concept of God. To whom or what are we praying? To a God who is only a magnified human being, who needs to be argued with, pleaded with and reminded of His duty towards His creation? Have not the prayers of mortals these many centuries arisen to an unthinkable God? So right on the very first page of Science and Health, Mrs. Eddy challenges the religious thought of the world on the subject of prayer. Hear this remarkable and yet intensely sensible utterance: "Who would stand before a blackboard and pray the principle of mathematics to solve the problem? The rule is already established and it is our task to work out the solution. Shall we ask the divine Principle of all goodness to do His own work? His work is done, and we have only to avail ourselves of God's rule in order to receive His blessing, which enables us to work out our own salvation." (Science and Health, p. 8).

Can Prayer Heal Financial Sickness?

"But what of the man, financial sick?" someone may ask. "What of the one out of work, or unhappily situated? Can this prayer of spiritual understanding solve such problems?" There are thousands of Christian Scientists who make definite answer, "We know it can, for we have proved it, again and again!" If one

U. S. CONGRESS.

COMPARATIVELY QUIET
SESSION.

Washington, Dec. 7.

The short last session of the sixty-ninth Congress has opened.

The only incident occurred in the Senate, when Senator Walsh drew attention to bribery charges against Mr. Arthur Gould, the Republican Senator-elect for Maine. After discussion, the latter was sworn in. Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, and Mr. John G. Sargent, the Attorney General, were present in the Senate, and Mr. D. W. Davis, the War Secretary, in the House of Representatives.

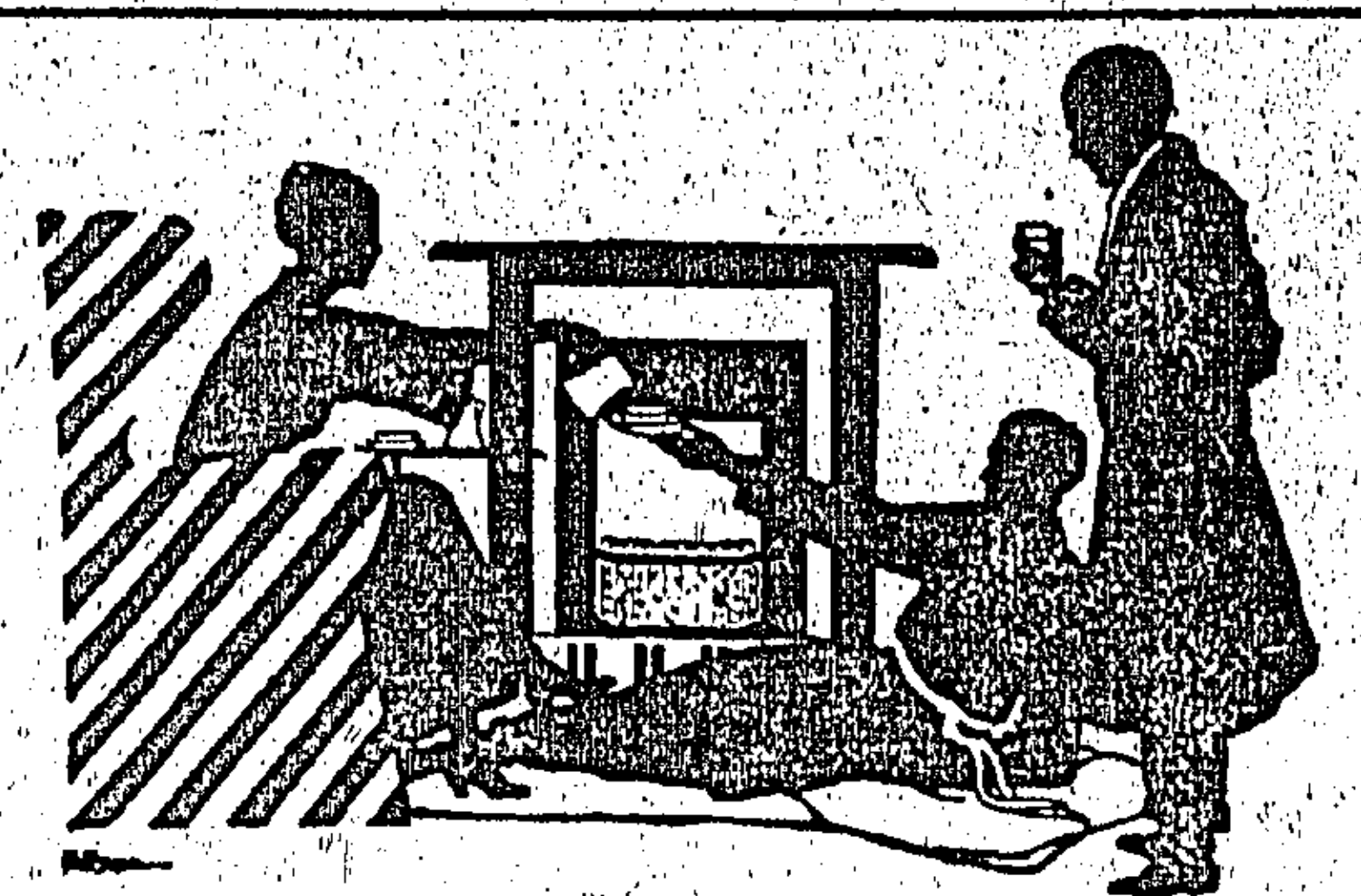
The Senate completed its work in twenty minutes, and adjourned out of respect to the memory of two Senators who have died since the last session.

The House of Representatives adjourned for an hour. Mr. Gallivan introduced a resolution proposing a referendum on prohibition.

Both houses have a prodigious array of legislation, but few if any important measures except the general supply Bills are likely to be passed. The administration will fight for tax reduction while shipping, railways, coal, banking, the Philippines, and national defence will be dealt with in pending Bills.—Reuter's American Service.

would heal a sick business, or solve a problem of supply, one must first discover what man's real business or purpose is. The first chapter of Genesis settles this question speedily when it states that "God created man in His own image; in the image of God created He him." Man's work therefore is to image forth or reflect God, to express or reflect intelligence, law and Love. One of the re-latter moments in my human experience was on that happy day when this great friend of mankind, this Science of Christianity, brought to me the conviction that man was necessary to God. At first such a thought seemed almost blasphemous, especially to one whose religious training had always reminded him what a miserable sinner he was. But Mrs. Eddy's writings taught me that as the sun's rays are essential if light is to be expressed, number is necessary if one would know the principle of arithmetic, so the divine Mind must be known and expressed through His idea, man.

At the conclusion a cordial vote of thanks to the lecturer was passed.



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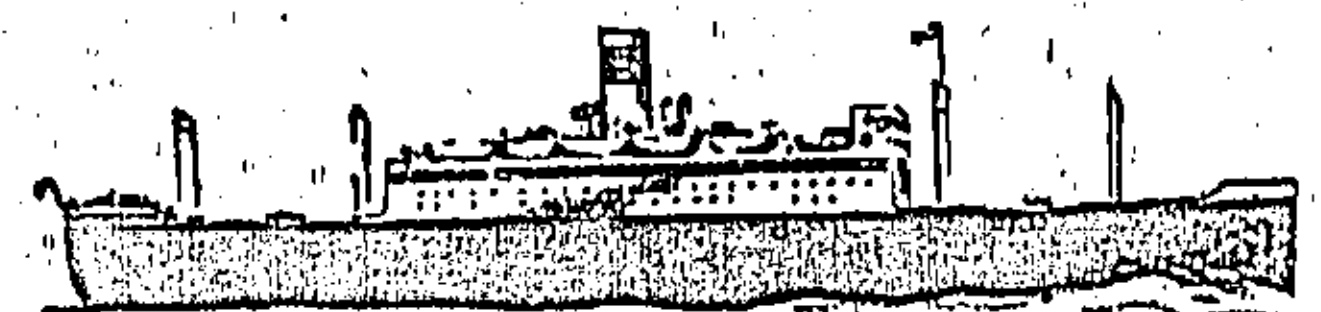
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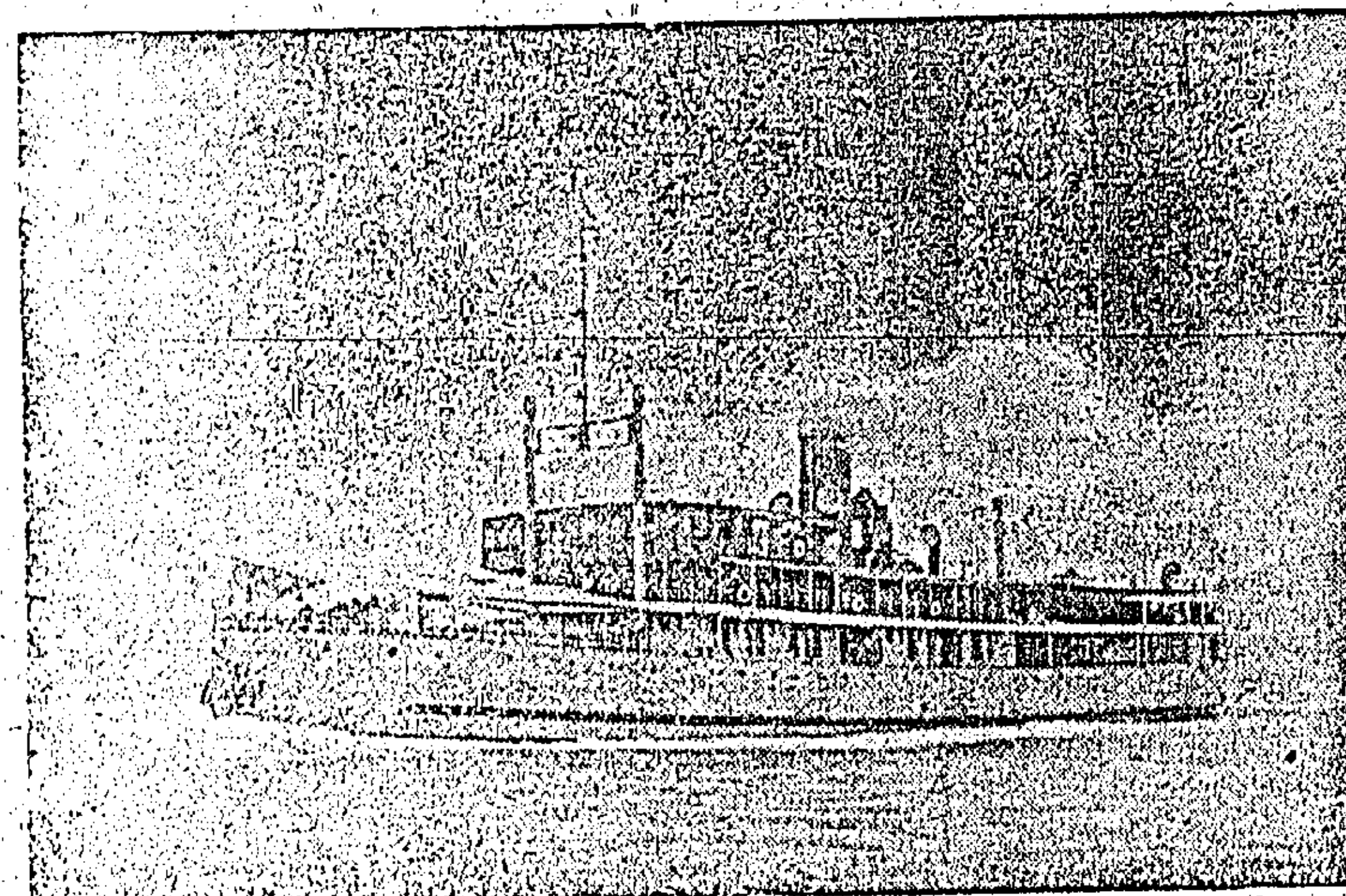
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HAULS OF JEWELLERY ON
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A letter was received by the
Water Police Station yesterday
from the Dollar Steamship Com-
pany reporting the loss of several
articles of jewellery from various
cabins on board the President
Van Buren sometime between the
afternoon of November 22, and
following morning.
The articles enumerated were:
one small watch with monogram
"G. H." on the back; a gold brace-
let; one gold wedding ring set
with ten small diamonds valued
at \$300; one pair jolo sea pearl
earrings set in white gold mount-
ings valued at \$200; one cigarette
case; some clothing and money of
different currencies to the total
value of \$708.

BRITISH TAXATION.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S
STATEMENT.

Rugby, Dec. 7.
A detailed statement to Parlia-
ment by the Financial Secretary to
the Treasury shows that the
amount per head of the population
raised by taxation and expended
on public services is £20. 15s. 6d.
Of this, £8. 2s. 6d. is applied to
the National Debt services, and
£5. 10s. 0d. to the Civil Estimates.
The defence services cost £2. 14s.
0d. per head. The balance is ac-
counted for by other consolidated
fund charges, customs and ex-
cises, and the postal service.—
British Wireless.

MURDEROUS ATTACK.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST
A SEPOY.

Wounds of such a serious nature
that he will probably be unable
to appear in Court during the
hearing, were suffered by Suba-
dar Lakhu Ram, an officer in the
5/2. Punjab Regiment who was
murderously attacked during the
night of November 16-17, whilst
asleep in Whitfield Barracks.
As the result of enquiries by the
police, an Indian, who was identi-
fied as one of two men who had
purchased a chopper from an iron-
monger in Jervois Street, was ar-
rested, but on subsequent investi-
gation was released and a second
man taken into custody.
Sepoy Pola Ram, of the 5/2 Pun-
jab Regiment stationed at Whit-
field Barracks, was charged be-
fore Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday
with attempted murder.
Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith appeared
for the Crown, while Capt. Middle-
ton, of the Regiment, occupied a
seat on the Bench.
In his opening Mr. Whyte-Smith
said that the wounded man was
still in a serious condition and
was unable to appear. It is doubt-
ful whether it would be of any use
to adjourn the case as the man
was in such a condition that it
would be some considerable time
before he would be able to appear.
As far as the Crown was con-
cerned, the Subadar could not
throw any light on the affair, with
the exception that he could possi-
bly say something about the
motive of the crime.

Orderly's Discovery.
Both men, continued Mr. Whyte-
Smith, were in B Company, the
wounded man a Subadar and the
accused a sepoy. The former had
his quarters in a block of build-
ings which was occupied entirely
by Indian officers. Each person's
quarters were self-contained, and
the Subadar possessed two rooms,
a lavatory and a yard.
The front room was occupied by
the Subadar himself, while the
orderly slept in the rear room.
The front door was never locked,
except when both the officer and
orderly were out.
On the night in question—No-
vember 16-17—the orderly went to
bed at 11.15 p.m., while the Suba-
dar stayed in the rear room writ-
ing. The orderly could not say
what time his master retired, but
at about 2.45 a.m. he was awak-
ened by a series of groans coming
from his room. He went in and
found the Subadar bleeding from
serious gashes in his head and
shoulders. A hatchet on the head
of which could be seen what ap-
peared to be human blood, was
found lying on the floor near the
bed.

A Passing Figure.
In the quarters adjoining the
Subadar's, was the regimental ac-
countant's rooms and he would
tell the Court that he was also
aroused from his sleep at about
the same time as the orderly, by
the sounds of someone moaning.
He looked out of his window and
saw a man in a stooping position
passing his quarters.
Owing to the darkness he could
not get a clear view of the pass-
ing figure, but he would say that
the man wore a cap, such as those
worn by Dogras. There was, how-
ever, nothing significant in that
because about half the men in B
Company wore the Dogra cap.
The accountant could also see
that the man was clean shaven.
It would be proved that the ac-
cused was a Dogra, and that he
possessed a cap and also that he
was clean shaven on the date of
the perpetration of the crime.

The first investigations carried
out were to find the owner of the
hatchet, and it was discovered
that the instrument was purchas-
ed from an ironmonger's shop in
Jervois Street at same at 1.1.1926
by two Indians. One of them, a
man named Ram Singh, was iden-
tified and was arrested by the
Police.

Hatchet Traced.
He was able to give a satisfac-
tory explanation of his presence
in the shop and he was released.
Ram Singh, according to his state-
ment was going to Lower Lascar
Row. On his way he saw the ac-
cused in the shop in Jervois
Street. Being a friend he went
into the shop, and actually as-
sisted the accused in purchasing
the hatchet, which Ram Singh
would say was taken away by the
prisoner.
In view of the statement made
by the defendant, said Mr. Whyte-
Smith, that explanation was ac-
cepted.
With regard to the motive of the
crime, there would be little evi-
dence to show that the accused
probably bore a certain amount of
enmity towards the Subadar, and
that revenge was probably the
cause of the attack.
Mr. Whyte-Smith repeated that
the Subadar was too ill to give
evidence, and it would be useless
to wait, as according to the
medical officer it was doubtful
whether he would ever be able to
give evidence.
After taking formal evidence,
the case was adjourned till this
afternoon.

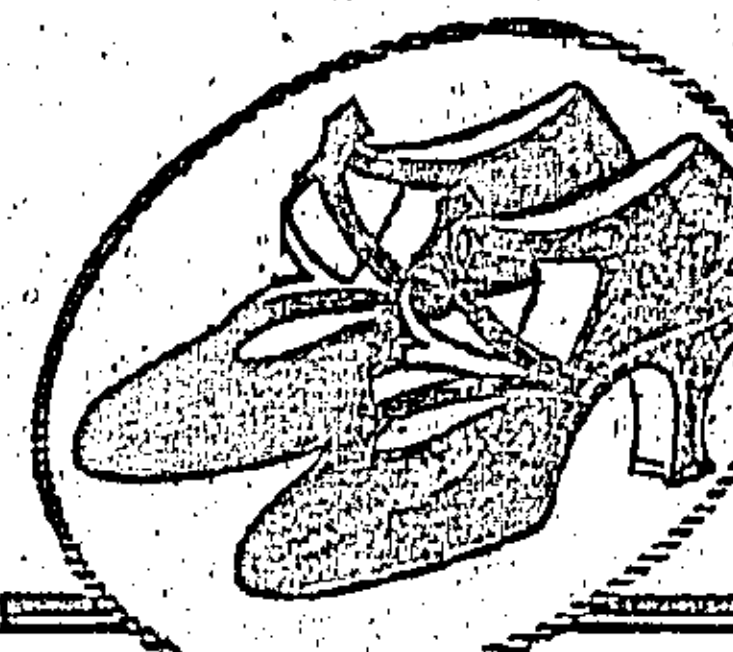


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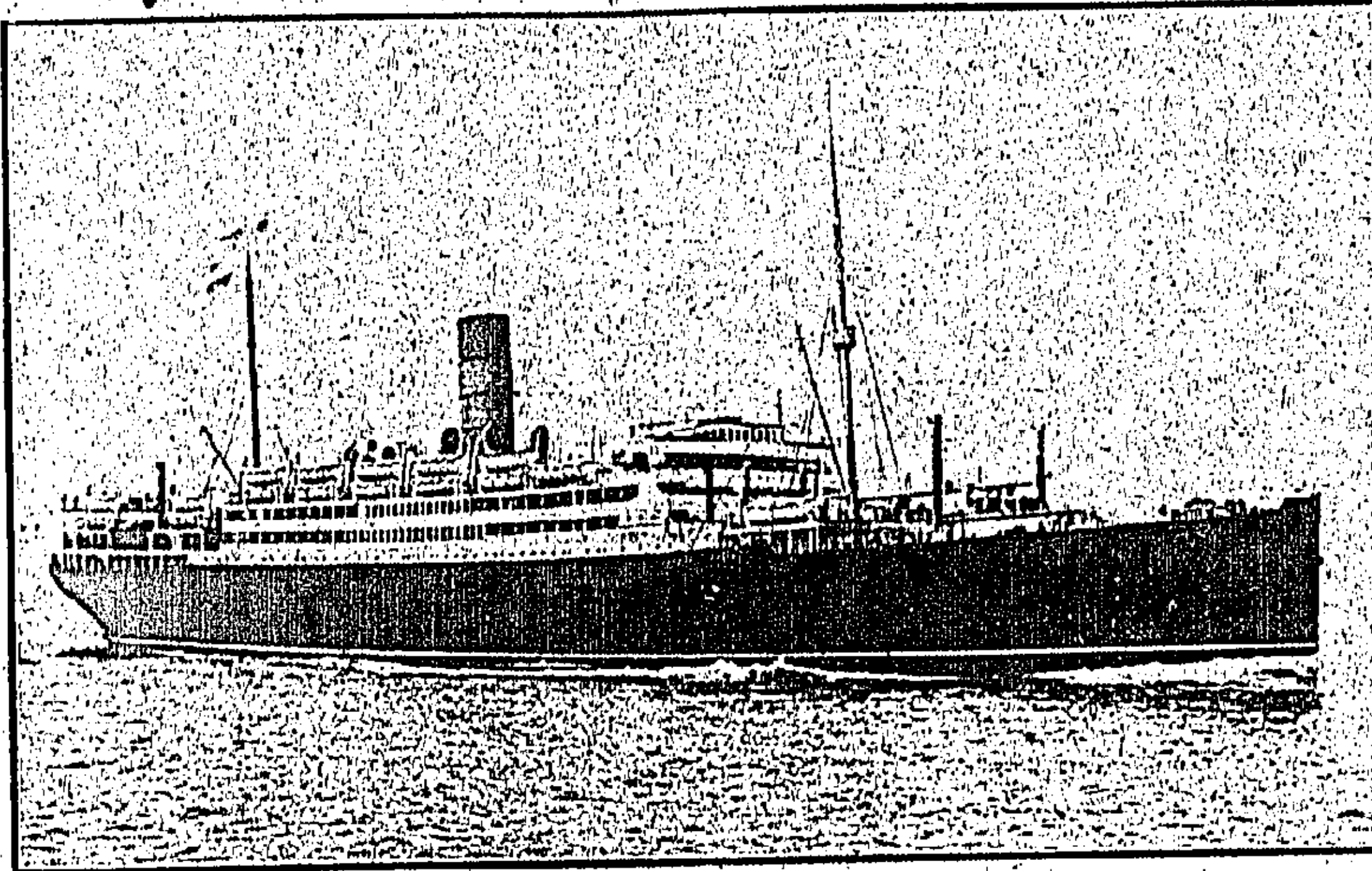
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ROUND-THE-WORLD LINER ARRIVES.



The Canard Liner s.s. Carinthia, the first of the round-the-world liners coming to Hongkong this season, which arrived in port this morning.

"FAIR PLAY."

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A CHINESE WELCOME.

Mr. Fu Siao-en, the Club's Chinese vice-chairman, (whose speech was interpreted, by Mr. Chang Nieh-yun) said:—"Your Excellency and gentlemen—I have great pleasure on behalf of the Chinese members of the Union Club, in voicing their sentiments of welcome to Your Excellency at this tiffin to-day. The large gathering of prominent foreign and Chinese gentlemen in this room, filled to its limit, speaks unmistakably of the high esteem in which our distinguished visitor is held. I had not had the opportunity and the pleasure of meeting Mr. Lamson before to-day, and, just after she entered the club, a Chinese member asked me which was Mr. Lamson. My reply was that he could easily be recognized by his special height, his splendid physique and the fact that he had the largest stomach of all present. (Laughter). I know that inside that frame he possesses a big and genial heart and the stout courage which he uses in the discharge of his duties. We are delighted to be able to meet the Minister to-day in this club, which is a common meeting place for the British, American and Chinese business-men, and we want to assure His Excellency of our warm and sincere welcome as the representative of our British fellow-members.

INTRICATE PROBLEMS.

"I trust that you will like the country and the people. Mr. Lamson, you are going to Hong-kow now; we hope that you will try your best to explain the misunderstandings which have arisen. You will probably have to deal with many intricate problems while you are here, but we are sure you will acquit yourself with your well-known ability and judgment and bring about a peaceful solution for the benefit of everybody concerned. With your open heart and your open spirit, we are sure you will meet with success. Being no newcomer to this country, we are sure you will settle down to like our country and our people. Great changes have taken place, Sir, since you were last here, changes which have created new and perplexing problems involving political and commercial relations, but we know that you, Mr. Lamson, will exercise the best of your ability for the good of our country as well as your own." (Applause). Mr. Fu then proposed a toast to Mr. Lamson, which was heartily drunk.

THE SHANGHAI SPIRIT.

Mr. J. B. Powell, the American vice-chairman of the club, said that, on behalf of the American members of the Union Club, he desired to extend a hearty welcome to their distinguished visitor and express their appreciation and gratitude over the fact that Mr. Lamson had decided to make a short stay before going up to Peking to take up his appointment. There was an old saying that "Peking spoiled many a diplomat." Two weeks ago Mr. MacMurray, the American Minister, was in Shanghai and, after several days here, said that he had discovered something new in China. He had discovered the Shanghai spirit, and he congratulated the local people for meeting problems face to face and solving them. The Union Club grew out of the World War. It was born out of the necessity to meet together and to solve problems resulting from the

CANTON BANK STRIKE.

HONGKONG MANAGERS HOLD MEETING.

By reason of their possessing branches in Canton, four well-known Hongkong Banks have been involved in the general strike of native bank employees in that city. These are the Bank of Canton, the Bank of East Asia, the Industrial and Commercial Bank, and the National Commercial Bank.

The position up-to-date, is still unchanged in regard to the negotiations, although the Canton Government has stepped into the case in the role of mediator and has requested the attendance in Canton of the chief officials of the banks concerned. On enquires this morning, a *Telegraph* representative was informed that for the present, at any rate, the Managers of the Banks in Hongkong have not yet deemed it expedient to accept the invitation.

A meeting of the Managers of the four Banks named held in Hongkong last night concluded without any definite decision being taken, it being agreed that the best possible policy to adopt for the time being is one of "wait and see."

Meanwhile, the strike, which is attributed more to Union pressure than to any genuine movement on the part of the employees, is proceeding. The pickets posted by the Union at the Banks' premises in Canton are compelling a total cessation of all business, while quarantining and boarding themselves at the expense of the Banks concerned. An agent sent up by one Bank to investigate affairs on the spot, had perforce to return to Hongkong yesterday without having accomplished his mission. He reported that he was refused entry into the premises by the pickets.

It is pointed out that the strike is confined to the four Banks named above, and to five other native banks domiciled in Canton, which carry on business on foreign lines. Some other native banks are not affected, and the reason for this is stated to be that the employees in these latter institutions occupy a status entirely different from that of those in the foreign-styled banks, in that they have an interest in the business or are recruited from amongst the proprietors' relatives.

A COSTLY GIFT.**DOG WITHOUT A LICENCE.**

Concerning a dog which was recently presented by Professor Anderson to Dr. W. T. Cheung, there came before Mr. R. E. Lind-sell at the Central Magistracy this morning a summons against the owner for not taking out a licence. There was a further charge of allowing the animal to wander about unmuzzled.

Dr. Cheung sent a representative to Court to say that the dog was only five months' old. It was a gift from Professor Anderson, presented only three days previous to the offence complained of.

His Worship pointed out that the age-limit was three months, and imposed a fine of \$5 on each of the two counts.

Great War. It had passed through a trying period and had emerged successfully. Mr. Powell wished the new Minister all success and assured him of their desire to assist by sending along a plentiful supply of Shanghai spirit and co-operation. (Applause).

TOURISTS HERE.

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R.D., R.N.R., chief engineer, and Mr. W. C. Battle, D.S.C., R.D., R.N.R., is the Chief Officer.

The cruise is controlled by the Raymond and Whitcomb Co., of Boston, and the cruise director is Mr. T. C. Joyous, assisted by Mr. L. W. Best.

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Next year Raymond-Whitcomb are operating s.s. Samaria, also of the Cunard Line. The Samaria is well-known to Hongkong, having been here several times. The vessel comes to China during March, 1928.

FORGED ORDER.

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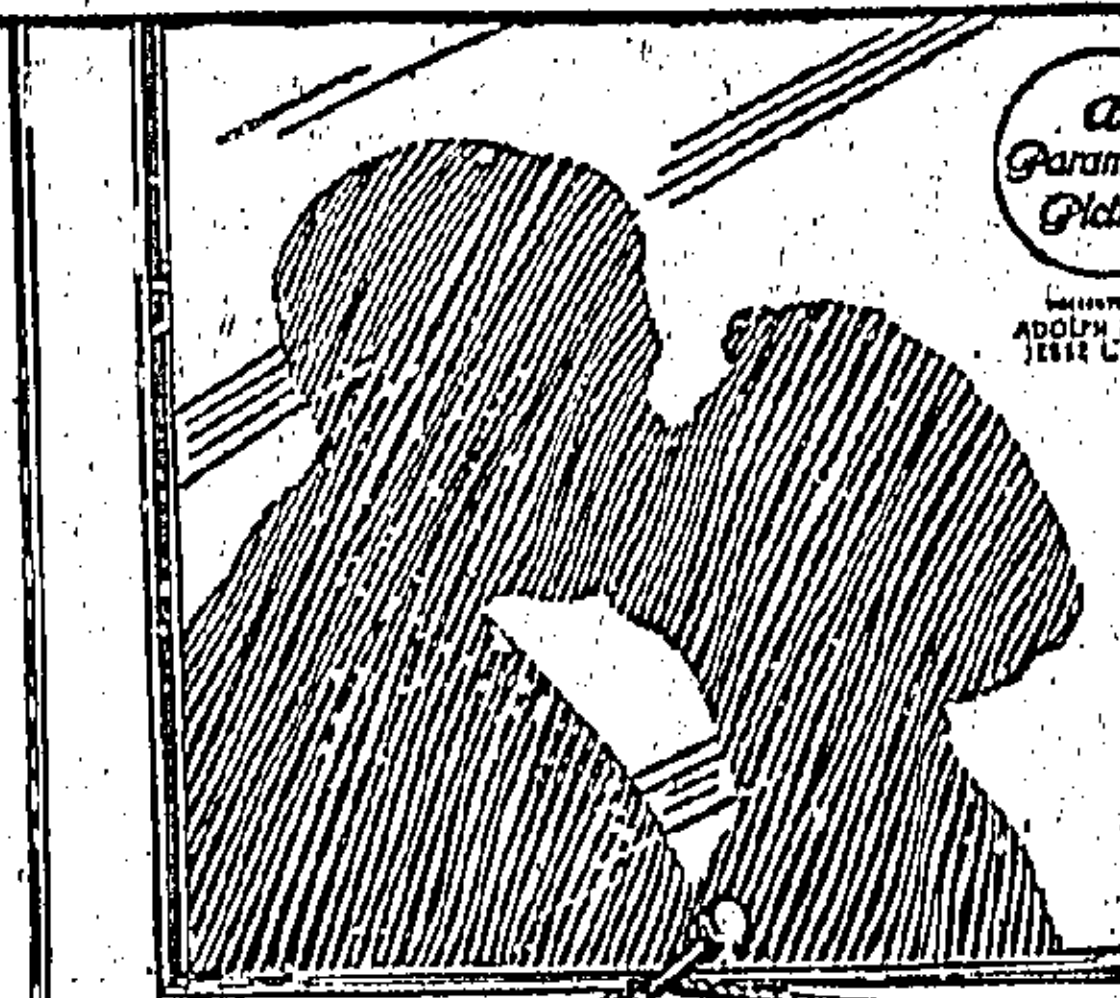
suspect that in June they had a dishonest Eurasian in their employ, although they did not know that at the time. The firm obtained a warrant for the man's arrest, but he was now dead.

Witness was shown a delivery order purporting to bear his signature, but he said he doubted whether he had signed it. If he had signed it, the alterations had been made after he signed it.

His Lordship gave judgment for the defendants, and said he held the view that the delivery order in question was a forgery.

"There's food for thought in a scandal skin." So Mr. Registrar friend found at Bloomsbury County Court when he had to assess the value of a woman's shoes. Examining one (worn for 10 days) which the woman took off at his request, he remarked, "If I may say so you are like most women. You cannot walk. (Laughter.) You have gone down on one side and the other side is going. The heel is already over."

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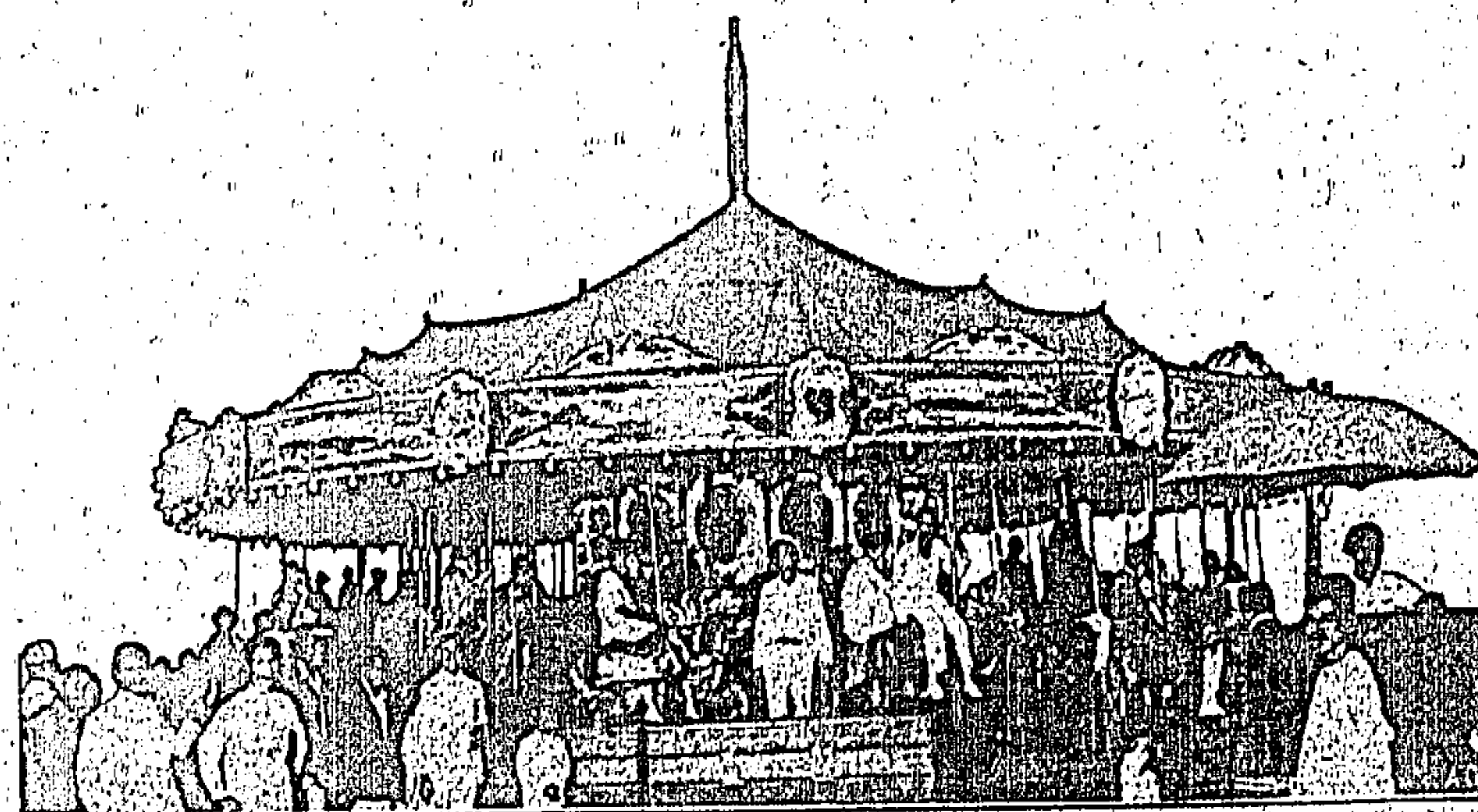
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